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by Mike Roberts

Each issue, Hit Parader sojourns back in time with a rock and roll celebrity to learn about his formative vears. This month's time traveler is none other than Diamond David Lee

It was the night of October 10, 1955, when a bright star appeared in the northern sky. Three wise men, dressed in clown makeup and sitting on whoopee cushions in their customized Winnebago, saw the star and knew it was the harbinger of an earth-shattering event. The three

Moe, Larry and Curly - followed the star's shining image all night until they arrived in a small Indiana village. There they were led to a manger, disguised as a three-bedroom, splitlevel Colonial with a two-car garage, where a miraculous event was taking place. The three wise men gathered around excitedly to witness the birth of someone they knew would be quite special. "Is it the Messiah?" one asked excitedly. "Nah, it's just Dave," came the reply from the baby's father. Thus David Lee Roth entered the world.

Young David's hyperkinetic lifestyle quickly made an impression on all around him.

According to legend, he shocked his mother by singing a bastardized version of That's Life at the age of three months, and by doing split-legged leaps off his cradle before his first birthday. In fact, as Dave himself likes to tell, he was barely out of his toddler shoes when he discovered a bizarre ritualistic practice that quickly became known as "monkey hour" around the Roth household.

"I was always a very active kid," Dave recalled. "In fact, my parents took me to see some doctors because they thought I was hyperactive. The doctor's told 'em they were probably right, but there was nothing they could do about it, so they'd better learn to accept it. So when I'd sit at the dinner table and play drums with the spoons and run around the house threatening to scalp all my friends, my mom would just dismiss it and tell the ladies she had over at the house, 'oh, that's Dave's monkey

By the time Dave was in his teens, his family had relocated to sunny southern California, and young Mr. Roth was shuckin' and jivin' his way through high school. Most of his time, he freely admits, was spent sitting in front of the school. serenading anyone who'd listen with a variety of hits on his acoustic guitar.

"That sure as hell beat sitting around in chemistry class," he said. "I was never much for sitting inside and being lectured to - in fact, I guess my whole life has been kind of a rebellion against doing just that. I always would rather just find a nice shady spot under a big tree, take out my guitar and strum a few songs."

Dave's penchant for music — as well as for cutting class - soon led him to some of the small music clubs which dotted the L.A. area. Dave felt right at home in those places since, a few years earlier, he had spent time in New York living with his Uncle Manny, who owned a famous Big Apple rock club called the Cafe Wha?.

"I always got off on small clubs," Dave said. "The time I spent in New York was great because I was about 14 or 15, and I got to hang out and hear people like Jimi Hendrix and a lot of the other early rock heroes. That truly convinced me what I wanted to do with my life. I'd see a soul band perform onstage, then I'd go upstairs and practice my own stage moves in the mirror. It was great! The places in L.A., which certainly weren't as cool as what I had seen in New York, were still pretty happening. I felt really at home with the musicians and the lifestyle I found there."

It was at one such club, in 1975, that Dave happened to run into three other aspiring young musicians - Edward and Alex Van Halen and Michael Anthony — who were performing in a band called Mammoth. After politely but firmly telling the trio that he'd be the perfect frontman for their act, Dave subsequently joined the band that soon became known as Van Halen.

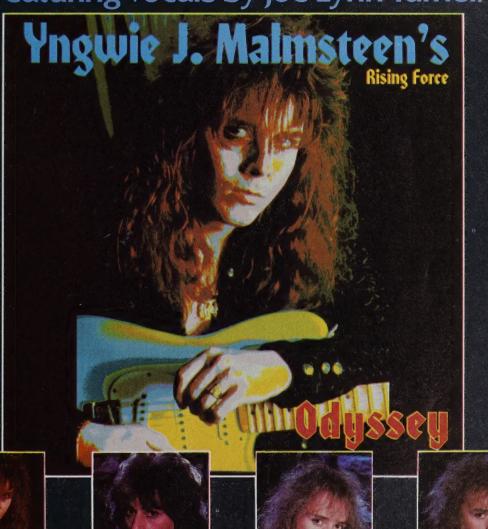
"That was a real exciting time for all of us," Dave said. "There was such a buzz going on about the band at the time, and we knew we were doing something really special. When I got onstage with them, I found the perfect release for all the energy I always had. I loved every minute of it because I had finally found a way to turn 'monkey hour' into a career."

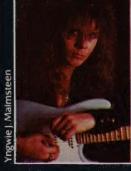


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Gene Simmons arrested? Yes, it's sad but true. But don't fret Kiss lovers out there, it's not as bad as you might think. It seems the tongue-oned was casually adjusting his stage costume during a group concert in Columbus, Georgia recently. Gene's pants happened to slip, leaving him somewhat open to audience view. Town officials, not pleased by Gene's hairy derriere, slapped the bassist with an

"indecent exposure" charge as soon as he walked off the stage. All Gene could do was grin and bear it.

Phil Soussan has become the second member of Ozzy Osbourne's band to depart in recent months — the first being, of course, Jake E. Lee. The reason for both departures you may ask? Why, money! "Ozzy will say

there were musical differences with both Jake and myself," Phil said. "But the fact is that he wanted us to write the music but not share the songwriting fee. There comes a time when one must stand up for what's right."

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The Info Center has been keeping you posted in recent months about the troubles brewing between Cinderella and drummer Fred Coury. As you may know, Fred split the band's recording sessions for Long Cold Winter for two months. So who did the Cinderfellas get to replace Fred during his absence? Why none other than former Rainbow skin basher Cozy Powell. "Cozy's a legend," says Tom Keifer. "And it was great having him with us but Fred is still the drummer in this band."

TIDBITS AND ASIDES

Is Deep Purple thinking of calling it quits following their summer tour?... Is Peter Criss the fly in the ointment regarding Kiss' proposed reunion?... Is Bon Jovi contemplating playing outdoor arenas early this fall?... Is W.A.S.P. thinking of more personnel changes?

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L.A. Rockers Aim For The Big Time With Major Label Debut.

by Ernie "Spuds" McKenzie

Sometimes a band emerges on the rock scene possessing all the ingredients needed for success. Now, before this article disintegrates into a string of superlatives that might have been written by the band in question's publicist, let it be said that no money, women or drugs were given to this writer by any member of Hurricane or their staff. Too bad, because if the band had kicked in with a few goodies, we probably could have really gone crazy about this good lookin',

hard rockin' West Coast foursome. As it is, we'll just have to say that Hurricane seems destined to become one of the year's most successful new bands. Why, the more curious of you may ask? Well, aside from the fact that the group sports a noble metal heritage, with two members — bassist Tony Cavazo and guitarist Robert Sarzo — having brothers whose rock and roll credentials are well known to anyone with ears, they also write some of the most catchy tunes this side of Bon Jovi.

"Our focus is on our songs," states vocalist Kelly Hansen, who along with drummer Jay

William Hames

Hurricane (left to right): Kelly Hansen, Tony Cavazo, Robert Sarzo, Jay Schellen.

Schellen rounds out this quartet. "We're really proud to be a heavy rock band, but I don't think you could call us heavy metal. To us, those words instantly bring to mind images of leather and studs. Now, we don't mind people thinking of us as studs, but we don't like wearing them. Our songs start with good melodies and interesting lyrics. Then we add a heavy guitar sound, which gives a real powerful feel to our material. We want people to wonder exactly what kind of music we're playing — we like to keep 'em guessing."

Though Hurricane's first full-length LP, Over The Edge, was just recently released, the band's history actually dates back almost six years. It was then that two separate events occurred which first blew the winds of good fortune Hurricane's way. Back in '82, Robert Sarzo was in New York City, playing a variety of studio sessions and making a pretty damn good living for himself. Seeing the success his older brother Rudy was having with Quiet Riot at the time, however, made Robert decide to pack up his guitar cases and move to the Left Coast to start a band of his own.

At roughly the same time, Tony Cavazo's band Snow was breaking up, due to his younger brother Carlos also joining the aforementioned Quiet Riot. As it happened, Robert and Tony met at a Quiet Riot rehearsal and decided if their siblings could be in a band together, maybe they should try it too. That duo began writing songs together and working out basic instrumental structures until they decided a drummer and vocalist were needed. After auditioning over 100 singers and stickmen, Hansen and Schellen were added to the band's lineup.

"We were looking for a singer with a real ballsy sound and attitude and a drummer who could really kick ass," Cavazo said. "We had to look hard, but we finally found 'em."

The newly aligned quartet soon went into the recording studio to work on demo tapes which they hoped would land them a major label deal. They hired noted producer Kevin Beamish to work with them on the sessions. Though the results of those sessions failed to get them that record contract six songs did end up as the group's debut EP, Take What You Want. Undaunted in their search for a big-time deal, the band pushed on, playing a series of local dates and writing and recording new material. Finally, early last year, Enigma Records - the home of Stryper and Poison - agreed to give Hurricane their shot at fame and fortune. Their first attempt to cash in those chips, Over The Edge, may well be the best pop/metal album of the year. (There we go with those superlatives again - and not a scantily clad bimbo in sight.)

"We're real pleased by the album," Hansen said. "After our EP came out, we knew that if a label got behind us, we could really produce some great music. We put together a real solid EP on an incredibly tiny budget, and we knew then that if we had a little more money behind us, we'd know exactly what to do with it. What makes us happy is that everyone seems to really enjoy what we've done. Critics have given us some great reviews, and the kids seem to really be behind us. To say the least, we're about as enthused as a band can get right now — we have so much energy at the moment that it's almost scary."



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Cout to Co

by Jodi Summers

Each month *Hit Parader* takes some of rock's biggest stars out to lunch to find out if food really does make the man. This month's lunch munchers are Great White.

In this episode of *Out To Lunch* we take you to a quiet sushi restaurant in Hollywood for a meal with the original shark bait snatchers; Great White's Jack Russell, Michael Lardie and Tony Montana. We now join our regularly scheduled programing already in progress...

"I am one hungry camper," emotes Spuds McKenzie's prototype, Jack, bearing down on hiş sushi checklist.

"Scallops. Shrimp. Tuna. Yellowtail. Hmmm... a salmon skin roll, that sounds good," comments Michael.

"Are you going to have smelt eggs?" Tony asks.

"Sure, it makes you virile," snaps back Jack.
"Two. Four. Nine. I have 14 pieces of sushi
here," Michael reveals looking up from his
menu

"I pick my lotto numbers the same way," Jack jests.

"I let the machine pick mine," adds Tony.
"The sushi in Tokyo is just incredible," informs
Michael. "Everything is so fresh."

Jack briefly contemplates the current platinum achievement of Great White's latest LP, Once Bitten. It wasn't the proverbial piece of cake. It took six years, four albums, three record companies and too many lineup changes to count for Great White to spawn into a viable musical entity. Jack smiles, putting his group's triumphs into perspective. "Yeah," he sighs, "Now we'll be able to tour Japan and get that sushi"

"I went to Tokyo with my dad in March '84," Tony, G.W.'s newest member informs. "We were there for five days, drinking Sapporo beers one after another, getting plastered. We went from whorehouse to whorehouse and from discotheque to discotheque and just had a ball. It's a

Great White

bummer I wasn't into sushi then."

"That really is too bad," Michael comments.
"Me and Michael, we're going to be the terror
twins when we get there." Jack interrupts,
"We're just going to devour those little

"We're just going to devour those little serpents."

The Kimono-clad waitress brings sushi for Michael and Tony. Their salivary glands get psyched. Jack assumes his is on the way.

"Sushi is the Great White way," Jack chuckles. "It's like a religion with me, I try to eat it every day if I can. I only missed one night this week."

Isn't it tough to find fresh, raw fish while you're touring the vast interior of America?

"Ahhh, it is," Michael informs wistfully. "But we found it in Colorado Springs. It was wonderful."

Jack's sushi does not arrive. He adopts his James Cagney voice. "Where's my sushi you dirty Jap?"

Michael tempts him, taking a scallop into his chopsticks and using it for emphasis he pleasantly states, "You know what's great about sushi? It's fast, and it's fat free." "It's not fast. It's delicious," comments Jack... still waiting. "I've been eating sushi since, I was 12. I used to work on a fishing boat down in San Diego during the summers when I was younger. This Japanese guy used to come to me at lunch time and say, "You tly this." I'd go, "What is it?" And he'd respond, "Don't ask, you tly." Then after I ate it he'd tell me it was something like octopus."

Jack's getting fidgety now. He's gearing his chopsticks for the dive and he's idling for that raw fish.

Hiding famine with funniness he adopts an Oriental tone of voice. "You must go on diet. Mana-ger called, say no food for you today. You have big stomach for photos."

Jack returns to his bluesy L.A. beatnik tone of voice. "I want my sushi. Fish are what Great White is all about."

At last his order is delivered and the table falls into near-total silence. Only the sound of flashing chopsticks and gnashing teeth can be heard. It is the sound of true heavy metal happiness.

Jack Russell: "I am one hungry camper."

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Bret Michaels: "We've been catching some heat because of the things we say and do."

Hard Rockin' Pretty Boys Return To The Scene With Open Up And Say Ahh.

by Rick Evans

Poison is dangerous! No, we're not talking about that stuff in your medicine cabinet with the skull and crossbones on it. What we're referring to here is the danger that Messrs. Rikki Rockett, Bret Michaels, C.C. DeVille and Bobby Dall present to the female population of the northern hemisphere. These guys are out to fulfill their most lascivious female fantasies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There's no time off for good — or bad — behavior with these boys. Either they're

onstage, in the recording studio or on the make for some hot action. Let's face it, you'll never see these dudes doing a TV commerical for safe sex.

"We love women, and they seem to love us," Rockett explained. "When we're on tour, everyone we meet is fair game. We get 'em onto our tour bus, and after that, they're ours. We have the power. But if people think we had a lot of women last time, wait 'till they see what goes on this time around, once we get the chance to headline."

"We've been catching some heat because of the things we say and the things we do," Michaels added. "I know C.C. told everyone a while ago that we don't even use rubbers. So, of course,

after that everyone's been saying, 'Hey, you'll catch AIDS and die.' To be honest with you, it's a thought that's crossed our minds. But then as soon as we get some fine-looking chick in our hotel room or in the bus, our little heads start talking a lot louder than our big ones. What are ya gonna do? We've learned you've just got to let nature take its course."

While such actions may be viewed as highly irresponsible in this era of killer diseases, it sometimes seems as if the Poison boys have a guardian angel sitting on their shoulders. How else would one explain their mercurial rise up the rock and roll ladder over the last 18 months? Sure, they've got talent and a unique presentation. Yes, they've got a hatfull of

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charisma and enough smarts to avoid the pitfalls that routinely derail young bands. But sometimes it seems that there's more at work than simple good fortune in Poison's success story. Michaels, for one, doesn't disagree.

"I think the key to our success is that people can sense the chemistry that goes on between us, but there is an unexplainable kind of magic there too," he said. "The kids can sense it when a band is going through the motions and just doing it for the money. Poison couldn't do that if we tried. There is something that drives us to really care about the music, about the fans and about each other.

The latest example of Poison's "caring" attitude is, Open Up And Say Ahh, their eagerly anticipated follow-up to last year's double-platinum Look What The Cat Dragged In. All the special ingredients that made their debut such a smash are present again, but there are also some exciting new twists which have helped to propel Poison from the ranks of one-hit wonders to the exclusive club reserved for those bands who deliver the goods time after time.

"This is a big growth album for us," Michaels said. "Everything we wanted to try last time but didn't have the budget or the skill to pull off, we've brought back and done this time. This is where the Poison party really begins! We've served the hors d'oeuvres; now it's time for the main course, and that's exactly what this album is. The songs are better than last time, the production is a million times better thanks to Tom Werman, and our playing is better. Let's face it, you can't spend as much time on the road as we did last year and not have your playing improve."

"I've got to admit that at one time I was scared shitless by the thought of making this album," DeVille added. "I'd lie awake at night and say to myself, 'We took a couple of years' worth of ideas and put them on Look What The Cat Dragged In, now we'll have less time and more pressure to make the new one. How will we do it?' I guess I should have known better than to worry. This band has always had to battle against a lot of challenges to make it, and this album was just another challenge that we've over-

Despite their continued success on the album front, these days Poison's thoughts are on only one thing — getting back on the road and rejoining the host of young lovelies who seem to be waiting for them at every tour stop. Yes, it's a dirty job, but somebody's gotta do it, and the Poison boys seem only too anxious to fulfill the sexual fantasies of every red-blooded American girl. Just a few of the band's groupie-groping tales from last year's tour are enough to get them panting in anticipation of this year's road celebration

"I remember one night when I must have been a little drunker than I thought,' Dall said. "Evidently I had told our road manager to let this one really pretty girl into my room with the instruction that I'd be by in about half an hour. Well, during that half hour I met another girl who was really great, so I took her back to my room, totally forgetting about the chick who was already there. When we got there, you can imagine that I found myself in a little hot water. But I'm happy to say that the girls were very understanding about the situation. They realized there was enough of me to go around."

"I've got some pretty warm memories from the last tour too," Michaels added. 'There was one time when a girl I met bet me that she could get me off in less than

30 seconds. Now I'm no superman, but that was a challenge I couldn't pass up. I think one of the road crew guys put a stopwatch on it, and this chick went at it. She was good but I won the bet. But it's all done in good fun. Nobody gets hurt by what we do — unless it's some guy who picks on one of us. Then he's got four guys to fight. We're always there for one another, whether it's to save each other's ass in a fight or make sure a girl meets the guy she wants. We don't know what jealousy is in this band. We're like the three musketeers — all for one and one for all. The only difference is there are four of us."









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"The great part about the way this band is now is that none of us have any bad habits," Whitesnake's David Coverdale said only minutes before hitting the stage for one of the group's first headlining U.S. dates. "They're all sweethearts too. This time around I promised myself that I'd only deal with people who were professionals, both onstage and off. There's just no room for an amateur when a professional is needed. That's what I've been lucky enough to find myself involved with this time — a group of fun-loving professionals who happen to be very dangerous when they plug in their instruments."

Oh, that David! He's always the man to say just the right thing at just the right time. But who deserves his current position atop the rock world more than the charming Mr. Coverdale? After all, here's a man who's spent the better part of 15 years toiling in the rock and roll sweat mill—usually with only minimal results. Today, however, with the sextuple-platinum fruits of Whitesnake's labors, and his band solidifying around a nucleus of guitarists Adrian Vandenberg and Vivian Campbell, bassist Rudy Sarzo and drummer Tommy Aldridge, all of Coverdale's past headaches seem to have been transformed into a brain-numbing degree of success.

"America was always the great frontier for me," he said. "We had come over with earlier versions of Whitesnake, but only for short periods of time. It was always a great challenge because we had enjoyed success in the Orient and in Europe, but while I love those fans dearly, a band can only break even while touring there — even if they sell out every venue they play. In America, with so many wonderful arenas to play and so many incredible fans, a band can have a great deal of fun on the road and turn a tidy profit as well."

Judging by the response Whitesnake has received from their headlining shows, it's obvious that the band's days of struggling for Stateside recognition are now firmly in the past. Putting together a tight 90-minute show that mixed older favorites like Slide It In and Love Ain't No Stranger with recent hits such as Here I Go Again and Still Of The Night, onstage the Snake created a magical web of blues/rock excitement. But at the heart of the evening's festivities remained Coverdale — tall, cool and proud, using his microphone stand to emulate phallic thrusts and bending his rough 'n ready voice to meet any demand placed upon him.

"As long as I can perform, there will be a Whitesnake," he had stated shortly before hitting the stage. "I would hope that the unit we have now can stay together and be happy. But I've learned painful lessons in the past that one can never count on anything going as planned in life — especially when a rock and roll band is concerned. But everyone is playing so well at the

moment and we're all so committed to what we're doing that I can't foresee too many problems coming between us. I get just as much of a thrill out of hearing this band onstage as anyone. Everything — from the way Vivian and Adrian handle their moments in the spotlight to Tommy's incredible drum solo — are just thrilling to me. I guess I'm as big a Whitesnake fan as they come."

Backstage, after Whitesnake's rousing set, the band member's happiness was evident. Make no mistake about it, each player in this crew has known bad times as well as good in his musical past, and none of them are easy to please when it comes to artistic satisfaction.

But from Vandenberg's booming laughter to Coverdale's contented smile as they sat cooling off after the evening's work, no one could doubt that Whitesnake was enjoying every moment of their ride to glory.

"We've waited a long time for this," Coverdale said. "I know, personally, this means a great deal to me. I have suffered a bit over the last few years, both with the band and with my health. But, thankfully, everything seems to be working out superlatively. I hope that in the future we can just keep making the kind of music the fans can relate to. If they're happy, then I'm happy."



David Coverdale: "This band is a bunch of fun-loving professionals."

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Philly Metal Men Roar Into Action With In America.

by Warren Wade

The great comedian W.C. Fields lies buried beneath a tombstone that reads: "Better here than Philadelphia." In truth, few American cities have been the subject of more ridicule through the years than the City Of Brotherly Love. From a rock and roll point of view, Philly has always been known more for its '50s doo-wop bands and '60s soul contingents than for its contributions to the metal world. But all that began to change in 1986 when Cinderella vaulted from Philadelphia's club scene to the top of rock's platinum mountain. Ironically, just as Cinderella were gaining fame and fortune on that club circuit, a four-man band named Britny Fox were traveling the same route. And though for the last two years they have had to live in the shadow cast by their neighborhood rivals, now the B.F. brigade are staking their own claim to fame with In America, a debut LP chock full of high stylin' and profilin' metal magic.

"We really are happy about the way things are going for us," said vocalist "Dizzy" Dean Davidson — who along with guitarist Michael Kelly Smith, bassist Billy Childs and drummer Johnny Dee, put the pedal to Britny Fox's metal machine. "We've only been together for a little

over two years, so to have a major label contract and an album out is very exciting. We're an old-school rock and roll band, which means our influences are groups like Cheap Trick and Nazareth. We think there aren't enough bands out there playing that kind of music. That's what makes us special — and hopefully that's what will make us successful."

Judging by the material contained on In America, Britny Fox may well be one of the success stories of 1988. Tracks like Girl School, Kick And Fight and Living On The Edge display a wide variety of hard rocking styles - all presented with the band's unique musical stamp. Perhaps the album's most interesting tune is the song Save The Weak, which is dedicated to the band's original drummer Tony Destra, who was killed in a car crash two years ago. (Ironically Destra and Smith were original members of Cinderella, along with Tom Keifer, before they broke off to form a band of their own.) After Destra's tragic fate, the band wanted him to be remembered when they finally attained big-time recognition.

"When you have somebody in your band killed in a car crash, it teaches you exactly how fragile life can be," Davidson explained. "It kind of puts everything you're fighting for in perspective. Save The Weak is about keeping your chin up

and fighting through adversity. That's an important message for a lot of people who feel defeated by life before they really even get started."

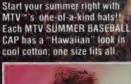
Despite the strength of their LP, the band members insist that people won't be able to fully enjoy Britny Fox if they're exposed only to the group's album. This band lives to play live, and every waking moment they spend together, they discuss new tricks to be tried under the spotlight. Now, with the album available around the world, the band realizes their days of club gigs are in the past. They're looking forward to a big, arena tour to showcase their wares to as many people as possible.

"This band must be seen live in order to be appreciated," Davidson stated. "Hearing the album is only half the experience, as far as we're concerned. We're not one of those bands that's played five live gigs in our lives and spent the rest of the time making demo tapes. There are a lot of those guys out in L.A. We're from a scene where you had to play live in order to eat — and you had to be good! We think we've really gotten our live show together, and we can't wait to show off for people who've never had the chance to see us before. We're pretty sure that once the fans get to check us out onstage, they'll really like what they see."



Britny Fox (left to right): Johnny Dee, Billy Childs, "Dizzy" Dean Davidson, Michael Kelly Smith.

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Lars Ulrich: "We've learned that nothing can stop Metallica."

In a number of ways, Metallica can be considered the antithesis of most successful rock and roll bands. Believe it or not, these guys hate drugs, hate dressing up and have little use for promiscuous sex. But before any of you mothers out there start lining up your daughters for a shot at one of metal's Fearsome Foursome, we'd better remind you that they are heartily in favor of drinking heavily and often, love acting like wildmen when the mood hits them, and, of course, they live for playing some of the

most volatile and mind-blowing music in rock history. For vocalist/guitarist James Hetfield, bassist Jason Newsted, drummer Lars Ulrich and guitarist Kirk Hammett, this unusual amalgam of likes and dislikes has made them one of the most unique — if imitated — bands around.

"We don't really mind it that some other bands have picked up on what we're doing," Ulrich stated. "In fact, we think it's great. If we were the only ones playing this kind of music, then I think it would be strange. But it's hard for us to think of Metallica as a group that's opened doors for other bands. In our minds, we're still a young group struggling for recognition."

Struggling or not, over the last two years Metallica have found themselves on an emotional roller-coaster, soaring to the heights with the platinum certification of their most recent LP, Master Of Puppets, and sinking to the depths of despair after the tragic death of bassist Cliff Burton some 18

months ago. But the lessons learned during that period have convinced the band that they're ready to handle just about any situation that might be placed in their path.

"For a bunch of young guys [the band's average age is 24], we've been through a lot," Hammett said. "But I think all that stuff has made us a lot stronger. Back when Cliff died, we really went through a tough period, but we just got right back to playing music instead of sitting around feeling sorry for Cliff and ourselves. That's why we can probably handle any setback we'll ever face. After going through what we did with Cliff, it's not that hard to handle an amp acting up onstage or the bus breaking down in the middle of nowhere.

"What we've learned over the last few years is that nothing can stop Metallica," Ulrich added. "I certainly don't mean that in any disrespectful way to Cliff, because everyone knows that he was an invaluable part of this band. But if we had gotten too down after his death, we might have ended up without a band. Now we can look back and deal with what happened, but I don't think we could have back then."

Though Burton's death forced the band to delve right back into their music, it certainly hasn't hastened Metallica's recording process. It's now been well over two years since Master Of Puppets was released, and though the band filled the void with their EP, Garage Days Re-revisited and their home video, Cliff 'Em All [which pays homage to Burton], even the group's record label is getting concerned about the amount of time it's taking Metallica to get their new LP together.

"We know that they take their time, and there's absolutely nothing on God's green earth we can do to make them work faster,' spokesman at Elektra Records said. 'Of course, we'd like to have new product from them as soon as possible because they're incredibly hot. We think they can become a multi-platinum band with their next release. They're a real phenomenon, and having to wait patiently is difficult for us. But we know what we're dealing with, and we know that when they finally do turn over their finished tapes, they'll be well worth waiting for."

At last report, the Metallica boys were still piecing together a variety of song concepts in an effort to create what Ulrich called, "our best album yet". Holed up in the garage of Lar's San Francisco home, the band has melded a pile

of over 100 different song snippets and riffs into a dozen wall-shaking, brain-warping cuts that truly represent a quantum leap forward for Metallica. If, as many feel, Metallica first placed power metal on the rock and roll map, their new album seems destined to carry the form to commercial and artistic heights no one could have even imagined just a few years ago.

'We're not getting caught up in all the bullshit that's going on around the album," Ulrich said. "We know how the record company feels about it. I think they're just as excited as we are - and they haven't even heard the thing yet! But that's cool. It's nice to have those people behind us. I think everyone has reason to be excited. We've been working for the last few months getting things together, and I think we finally have. There were so many different ideas floating around that each of us has come up with that it's taken us a long time to get everything together.

"Everything we write is really a band effort," Hetfield said. "A song might feature a riff that Kirk came up with and something Jason added and maybe my lyric. But by the time we've finished it, we never



James Hetfield: "Everything we write is really a band effort."

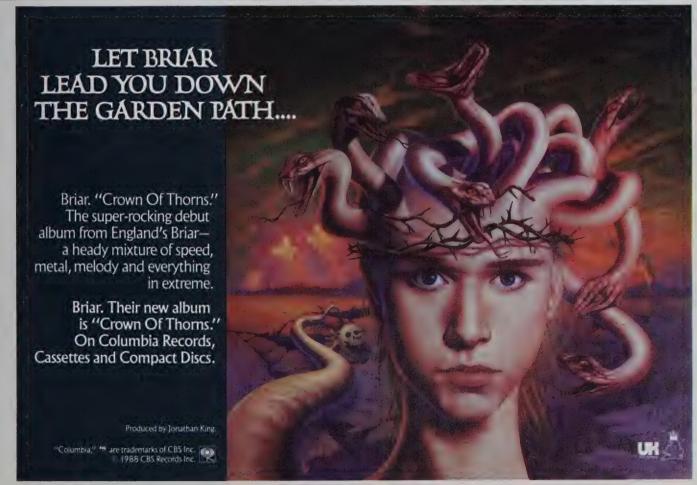
Todd Kaplan

know or care who wrote what. We're not trying to feed our egos in this band by saying, 'Hey, I've got four songs on the record and you've only got one.' That's not our style at all."

While taking credit for specific songs isn't a high priority for any Metallica member, none of the guys are shy about admitting they're quite pleased by the band's international success. It's hard for

them to believe that it's taken only five years for them to climb from being a little-known band on an independent label to being a group who can pack arenas from Tokyo to Stockholm to Dallas. It's been a dizzying trip, but one the band members have managed to survive with their heads screwed on straight.

"Hey, being famous is a big joke to us," Ulrich said. "We never got into playing music to become famous or make a lot of money. We kinda thought we'd be playing in clubs in San Francisco for most of our lives, and that would have been fine with us. But we're not gonna say we're not having a lot of fun. We love what's happened to this band, we dig the way Metallica has grown. We just hope things keep going the way they have for a long time to come."



MAIL

My friend and I would like to congratulate Tesla for finally getting the recognition they deserve. We've been watching them since City Kidd and it was worth the wait. We're Tesla True.

Patty Schroeter & Colleen Fraser Fresno, CA

How the hell can you say that bands like Metallica and Slayer could whip the shit out of bands like Crue and AC/DC? How hard is it for someone to get onstage, play one chord, bang their head and mumble one word or two? At least bands like Crue and AC/DC make it sound like they write their songs.

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How could anyone possibly mistake Rick "Sav" Savage of Def Leppard for Bon Jovi or Joey Tempest? What's wrong with these people? Take a good long look — Sav is, by far, the better looking one!

Margot Austin, TX Why do people think it's a compliment to the headlining band when they boo the opening band offstage? I saw Alice Cooper and Faster Pussycat in Fresno and was very embarrassed by how the crowd treated Faster Pussycat. No band anywhere deserves to be booed at, flipped off or cursed out while doing their best and trying their hardest to entertain the audience. I would like to ask anyone who has ever done that to a band if they could do better. I'd like to express my apologies to Faster Pussycat for the way the audience treated them and to express my disappointment to any crowd who treats any band so rudely.

Michelle Aston Visalia, CA



Eddie Van Halen: Is he unhappy?

I really, really feel bad for both Van Halen brothers and hope they can get over their hard times with Eddie's drug rehabilitation and their dad's death. I hope they can get on with their own lives, most of all — Eddie, because he seems to be hurting really bad.

From Someone Who Really Cares

I have no problem with bands like Motley Crue or Poison; just don't call their music heavy metal. Girls, Girls, Girls has all the power of Barry Manilow and all the meaning of the Pointer Sisters. A six-year-old could have written those lyrics! Let's face it, 'poser metal' is nothing but poorly disguised pop music and it belongs in magazines like Rolling Stone, not Hit Parader. The fact that poser bands always outsell power bands is merely more damning evidence of their money-before-art attitude. Take a look at people like Bruce Springsteen and Madonna if you want to know what kinds of bands sky-high sales figures describe. I have always felt that heavy metal was the domain of an enlightened few except during the sixties and seventies, when people had good taste and listened to Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix. Here's a joke that illustrates the situation! Have you heard about the problem they're having selling T-shirts at Motley Crue concerts? Most of the fans spent their shirt money on the new Michael Jackson

> Mike McCulley, Lilburn, GA

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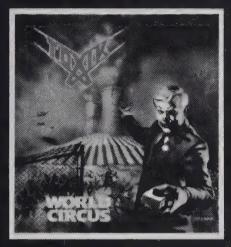
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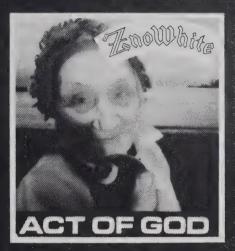


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Whitesnake's David Coverdale: Some fans are sick of his girlfriend popping up in the group's videos.



I've got to hand it to the members of Whitesnake. You guys are the most talented band around right now. I hope that you all hang tough and that your next album is killer. Whitesnake's last album was hot, but with the legendary talents now in the band, they just can't go wrong. I'm sure that David is on top of the world right now. I can tell from his interviews that he's worked hard to make Whitesnake successful. So get to the studio and go off! I think you owe all of your fans in the world the best Snake album ever. Good luck (not that you'll need it).

Greg Martane Auburn, WA

P.S. Next year, let the Crue open for you!

I want David Coverdale to know that I'm sick of looking at his girlfriend. Fine, they're in love and getting married. I just wish they would stop rubbing it in the fucking lense every time Whitesnake makes a video. Why don't they cut the mush and get on with the music?! Were any of the other members of Whitesnake in the *Is This Love* video? I could really care less what Tawney wants to shake in the camera or in David's face. Let them do it in private. When Coverdale and Co. can make a video without his kitten I'm with whoever can tell the difference between T&A and R&R.

Sincerely, A.D.R.

I was pissed when I read the Ozzy Osbourne article. Either the man is a little bit worried about his new band without Jake E. Lee or he's just plain petty, or both! He should keep his mouth shut if he doesn't have anything nice to say about a guitarist who was a major contributor to two of his best records. I bet he doesn't put down the money he's still making from those albums, except on the bar to buy a drink.

Ivan Greene

I've never been more disgusted with a band than with Guns N' Roses and their stupid singer Axl. This jerk had the nerve to say that getting drunk, getting thrown out of bars and having a roundabout with the police was what rock and roll is all about. HA! That's a crock if I ever heard one. Rock and roll is about making music. It's also about making the kids happy who listen to you, not getting thrown out of bars. Get real, Axl. If you're gonna do that, fine. Just don't say that's what rock and roll is about, cause it's not!

A Concerned Person Fairfield, OH

To Joe Elliott,

I understand what you said in your recent Hit Parader interview about the kids who become brain dead from listening to Pyromania over and over. But I am proud of the fact that I'm still addicted to Pyromania today. I would rather be brain dead from Def Leppard's music than Bon Jovi's, Poison's or Whitesnake's. Def Leppard is the best rock group in the world. You always have been and you always will be. And now you'll excuse me while I play Hysteria for the next three years.

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by Andy Secher

When Ace Frehley gears up for action, he doesn't kid around. After a three-year hiatus, during which he virtually disappeared from the rock scene, this former Kiss guitarist has returned with a vengeance first with his Frehley's Comet LP and now with his Live +1 EP. For the Space Ace, this return to form has been a sweet victory, providing his long-time legion of supporters with further proof that their main man is still one of the most charismatic figures the metal world has ever seen. The makeup may be gone, but those burning lead runs remain potent symbols of Frehley's rock and roll roots. Recently we talked with Ace about his new EP, the Kiss reunion rumors and his plans for the future.

Hit Parader: What made you decide to record a live EP at this point in your solo career?

Ace Frehley: I did it basically because I wanted to. The band was just going back into the studio to begin work on the next album, so we decided to give the fans a little something special. We had recorded a couple of concerts for some radio specials, and one of them — from the Aragon Ballroom — turned out so well that we wanted to get a few of the tracks out there as a live EP. We figured it would help push the Frehley's Comet LP over the "gold" sales barrier as well.

HP: There's one studio track, Words Are Not Enough, on the EP. When did you record that?

AF: That was left over from the recording sessions from the first album. We had quite a few great songs left from back then — in fact, a few may get on the next record. We just really liked Words and figured it would make the perfect "bonus" track for this EP. Anyway, all the guys in the band are writing a ton of songs for the next record and

we didn't want to run the risk of having a song as good as *Words* get lost in the shuffle.

HP: When do you think the next album might be ready?

AF: Maybe around early summer. I'd like to get back on the road for the summer, so having the record out by then is real important to me. Right now, we're about halfway through it, and things are going along real well. I have a studio in my home, so I was able to really get a lot of the stuff ready before we went in to record it. I think it makes the first album pale in comparison — we've got some very heavy stuff on this one.

HP: Looking back on your first solo tour, what was the single most satisfying experience you had?

AF: That's real hard to say, because just getting out there and going onstage every night was very satisfying. But I'd have to say that one of the highlights was the very first in-store record signing we did. The store was prepared for about a hundred kids, and everyone went absolutely nuts when about a

thousand showed up to meet us and get our autographs. They said it was one of the biggest crowds they've ever had in the store — and all the major bands have done in-store appearances there. That gave us a lot of confidence.

HP: How did your health hold up on the road?

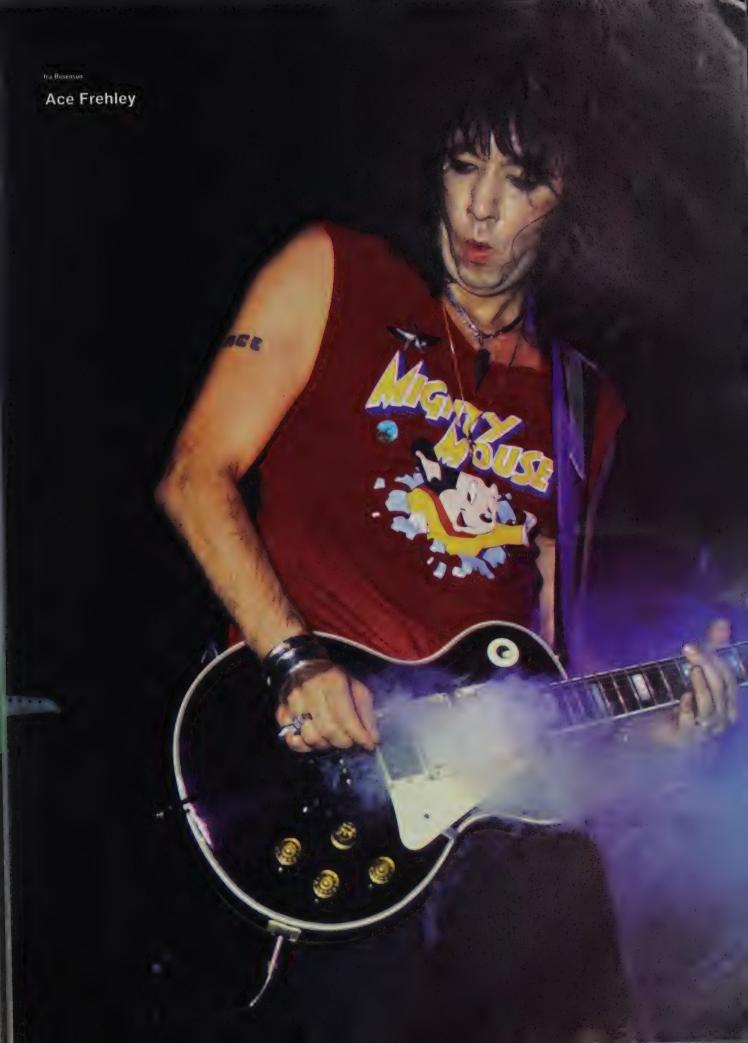
AF: It was great. I'll tell you, it's wonderful to have a lot of nice experiences and then remember them the next day. (laughs) It wasn't always that way with Kiss. Back then, I was too drunk or high to remember most of what went on. But this time I was really cool the entire time out there, and I've never had a better time in my life.

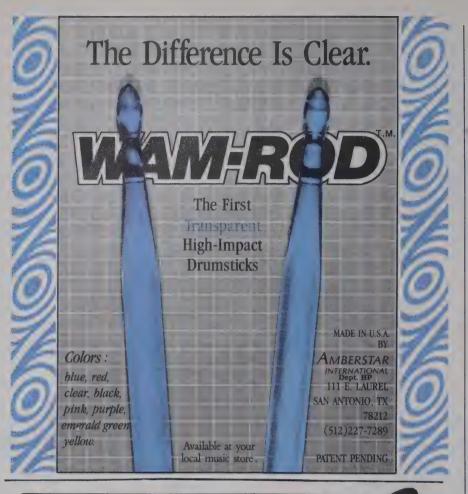
HP: You mention Kiss. How much truth is there behind the "reunion" rumors we keep hearing? AF: The fact is that I was contacted by their management a few months ago about getting together for a complete reunion tour with makeup and everything. They really wanted to do it. But at this point in my career, I couldn't see the benefit of me of going back to Kiss for a temporary situation when my future lies with Frehley's Comet. I had a lot of trouble getting the right musicians together for my band, and to turn my back on them for a tour with Kiss wouldn't have been fair to them at all.

HP: But it seems like getting back with Kiss, even briefly, would have been a great deal of fun for you. AF: They didn't offer me enough money. (laughs) Nah, the truth is that after they told me about wanting to do an entire tour with me, I came back to them with the idea of playing two special shows one in Madison Square Garden, the other in the L.A. Forum - and filming them for posterity. That wasn't what they had in mind, so the idea kind of fell through. But there's always a chance we'll get it together in the future for a few special concerts. But it would have to be the right situation for me.

HP: So you seem to be a guy who's got it all going his way these days.

AF: Yeah, I guess so. About the only thing that disappointed me over the last year was that Rock Soldiers didn't take off as a single. When we released it, we thought it was a Top 40 hit. But I guess the powers that be didn't agree with us. But that's okay, it gives us something to shoot for with the next album. As long as I'm feeling as good as I am, and as long as everyone around me is as supportive as they've been, why shouldn't I be happy?□







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by Andy Secher

Nikki Sixx says he learned a powerful lesson when he became seriously ill a short while back after a night of heavy carousing. "Man, you've really got to watch yourself," Sixx said. "You can't let your guard down for a minute when you're dealing with potentially dangerous things. I've always believed in living my life the way I want to, but I've discovered there are substances that I just can't handle. I'll remember that."

Speaking of Mr. Sixx, he's currently making the rounds with a bevy of beautiful females following his break-up with Vanity. "I just need to deal with a variety of people," he said. "Maybe I'm just not the marrying kind. I hope that's not true, because I like being in a serious relationship and I want to have kids someday — but now's just not the right time."

Believe it or not, the guys in Van Halen briefly thought of calling their new album Good — kind of a rock and roll answer to Michael Jackson's Bad. "Yeah, the thought did pass through our heads," vocalist Sammy Hagar admitted. "Ed knows Michael from when he played on Beat It, and we thought the idea was kind of funny at least for a day or two. But then our manager told us he thought it sucked, so that put a quick end to that."

Ozzy Osbourne can't stop raving about his latest discovery, guitarist Zakk Wylde. "This guy is the best guitarist I've heard since Randy Rhoads," Ozzy said. "He's also the guy who single-handedly made me realize how stupid my idea of doing movies was. Zakk has made me appreciate rock and roll again. It's great when you can work with somebody who's eager to play and really wants to give his all. I can't wait for the fans to hear him he's somebody very special.'

The problems Cinderella were having a few months back seem to have come to a happy ending. If you recall, drummer Fred Coury abruptly split from the group's recording sessions last January to join Guns N' Roses on the road when that band's drummer, Steven Adler, became injured. It was rumored at the time that Coury was displeased with Cinderella's recording techniques and was seriously considering full-time employment with the G N' R boys. "It was fun being out with them but I belong in Cinderella," Fred said recently. "I grew up with this band, and I want to stay here as long as possible."

Keep an eye out for former Kiss drummer Peter Criss' upcoming book. Rumors say that the tome is chock-full of inside gossip and never-before-told road tales. "Yeah, it's gonna be a lot of fun to read," Criss said with a smile. "I think it's something anyone who likes music can get into — even if Kiss wasn't their favorite band."



Robert Plant: He'll be playing Zeppelin songs on his upcoming tour.

All you Led Zeppelin freaks out there should have a banner year in 1988. Not only are rumors still circulating of a possible band reformation in early 1989, but in the interim, vocalist Robert Plant will be performing a variety of Zeppelin tunes during his upcoming U.S. tour. "I love those songs and they're no longer hallowed



Cinderella: They're all happily back together.

turf to me," Plant said. "After hearing bands like Whitesnake, I see no reason why I can't play the music I love. If Coverdale can pick up my gauntlet, the least I can do is share it with him if he doesn't mind, of course.'

Judas Priest's Rob Halford says that the group's upcoming U.S. tour will be their most extravagant ever. "For a short while we were considering doing just the opposite, just going onstage with our instruments, our amps and our leather. But then we realized that the bands we were competing with would be going out with big shows and that those have become part of rock and roll. Since we decided to go the big show route, we figured we'd just pull out all the stops, and what we've come up with this time is totally unbelievable. You'll just have to wait

to find out exactly what's going to happen, but it will amaze you.'

Now that they've completed stints as producers for a variety of West Coast bands, the members of Ratt have gotten together again to start work on the band's fourth LP. They know the disc is a critical one in the group's career, since each of their past albums has sold fewer copies than its predecessor — not exactly the sales pattern a band seeks. "This will be a Ratt N' Roll record," guitarist Robbin Crosby promised. "We can't worry about sales figures. All I know is that every album we've done has gone platinum. Not too many bands can say that.'

Letter Of The Month

Dear Mr. Secher,

Isn't it something what happens when the record industry gets hold of a good thing? In case you don't know what I'm talking about, I'll make it clear for everyone. The big honchos at the record labels have decided that metal is "hip" again, and now they're bombarding us with all these second-rate bands that can't hold Metallica's guitar case. Why do they do this to us? They're killing the goose that laid the golden egg. People listen to some of the crap they're putting out and then say that metal sucks. In some cases, they're right.

Tom W. Boston, MA

Dear Tom.

To an extent, you're right. Certain major labels have recently flooded the market with metal product, some of which wasn't always of the best quality. But let me ask you, would you rather have it the other way? Not too long ago, only two or three metal bands resided on major labels. Isn't it better to have a wide selection of albums from a variety of bands than to have no selection at all?!

Dokken say that response to their headlining tour has been very rewarding — and a bit scary. "We've been wanting to do this for a long, long time," bassist Jeff Pilson said. "If you had asked me a year ago, I would have told you that there was no way we'd open any dates on this tour. But we did about four months with Aerosmith, and we had a great time. We learned a lot and really built our audience base. Now it's our time to test the waters, and it can be pretty scary. When you're the headliner, there's nobody to blame but yourselves if the house isn't packed.'

Stryper's Robert Sweet recently told Heavy Metal Happenings his view on evolution: "Hey, all I know is that I'd prefer not to think that mankind descended from apes," he said. "Maybe it's true, but if it is, I don't want to think about it. The Bible says

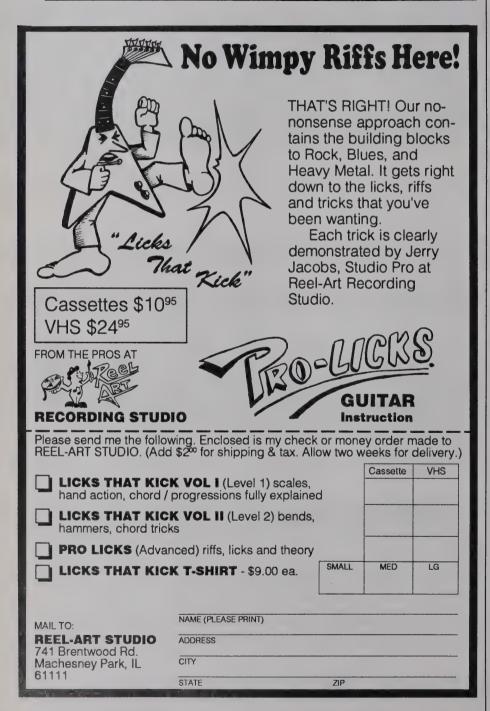
that God created man just as we are, and I believe that. Whether science goes along with it or not isn't that important to me. I don't want to look at a gorilla and think he's my uncle."

Mark Weiss

Bret Michaels: Having trouble walking the streets.

Poison's Bret Michaels reports that it's becoming harder and harder for him to walk the streets of L.A. because of all the attention he's getting from female admirers. "Hey, I don't want to sound like I mind it," Bret blurted. "I love all women. I don't care what their shape or size is; if they're female, then I love 'em. Thankfully, a lot of the women I've met recently seem to feel the same way about me. I'm one happy guy.'

Whitesnake's David Coverdale tells of his recent battle with Giardia, a rare intestinal infection: "When they told me what I had, I thought they were talking about an Italian sportscar," the ever-cool Coverdale said. "The doctors asked me if I had been to Finland, and I told them I hadn't. Then they asked if I had been to Moscow; again I said no. Then they asked had I been to Denver. When I said we had just toured there, they told me that was the culprit. Evidently, Giardia only exists in cold, high-altitude climates."



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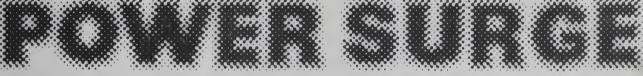
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Don Dokken: Now that the band is headlining, more responsibility falls on his shoulders.



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by Al Farkley

"It's like an athlete has to work out, right?" bassist Jeff Pilson says, musing on Dokken's struggle to make it to the big leagues. "The harder an athlete works out, the better he gets. That's exactly what's happened with us. We've gotten stronger. Our stage show is better than ever. Don is great onstage now. Everybody's playing better as a band."

It seems like it's taken centuries. Products of the West Coast bar band circuit, Dokken have served a far longer bench apprenticeship than most, endlessly playing second fiddle as tour support for bands like Kiss and Aerosmith. Albums like Tooth And Nail and Under Lock And Key have struck gold, sure. Dream Warriors even got the group into the movie theaters. But it's only been during these past six months, with Back For The Attack in the Top 20, that the band members have been proving themselves on the road. As far as stage savvy is concerned, guitarist George Lynch agrees with Pilson; Dokken have matured.

"We've become a lot more consistent," he

says. "We were really awful when we first started out. We were embarrassed at times about playing. We'd open for other bands in the early days, and we'd get our butts kicked."

In Germany, where the original lineup cut their touring teeth in the early '80s, the going was particularly rough. As Lynch remembers, "We'd load up this little van and drive off to some little city and play some dumpy little bar. It was all guys at the shows - a bunch of sweaty, metalhead guys, just banging away."

The band's shifting roster of bass players (at one point, Ratt's Juan Croucier held the parking space) would sing lead on a couple of songs, "some of us would sing backup, Don would play guitar solos once in a while... Everything was lopsided," remembers Lynch. "We didn't have an image. It was a hodgepodge of nothing."

Reworking the format was the answer. As George recalls, "We went for the lead singer/ frontman kind of thing, as opposed to two guitar players - give the band a focal point. And now we're finally establishing something. We've grown, and I think we're finally ready to make it to full headline status."

Judging from the crowd reaction when the band opened for Aerosmith this past winter, he could be right. As for the Lynch/Don Dokken feud, the antier-locking stories that once occupied more column inches in rock magazines than anything Dokken ever did musically? "That's old and tired," Lynch says. "It was blown out of proportion, and the parts that were true just came out of the fact that Don and I have different ways of doing things. I look at what we do musically. He leans more toward the business end."

Some of the back-biting did get pretty nasty.

True," Lynch admits. "Don once said something about me thinking the Knack were gods back then. And I hated the Knack, I don't know why he used to say shit like that. But I've always liked all kinds of music. I like King Crimson, I like listening to Paganini. I listen to funk. James Brown. Heavy metal.

"The Dokken ideal," he adds, "is to learn from it all. All music starts from the same place anyway. There was a point in my career where things were leaning toward the pop side. I got interested in that. It helped me in terms of learning how to write a song, and I don't regret doing it. Before we were in this band Mick Brown and I were in a group that was heavy metal, and later slanted off in that pop direction."

Designer haircuts and all?

'Well, the Police were real big. We got into that. Not such a hard edge. It still had a double bass drum. It was still loud. And I learned from it. I'm glad I'm out of it, but I don't think you have to stay in one thing and be a dinosaur."

Everything does change. As Pilson recalls, there was a time when Stairway To Heaven was the biggest song of the '70s, Zeppelin became huge, "and then heavy rock died. Oh no, there's no more heavy metal. Now it's disco. Now it's new wave. But then in 1982, Def Leppard and Motley Crue came along. Heavy rock never died. It may lose its popularity in terms of how the media sees it, or its commercial charm, but all music

fluctuates like that. You've got to play what you believe in.'

According to Lynch, that's what Dokken are doing. And it's finally paying off. "It's come around," he says. "People say they've seen progress in the band that we don't even notice."

With the band still on the road, Lynch and Pilson had only just begun working on ideas for the next album. As Lynch explains, "When you first come out with a record and go on the road with it, you're getting a feel for that record. You're not really in a space for writing. Plus, you haven't felt out where things are going with the band and with other music around vou.

Dokken have found their feet with Back For The Attack. Now that they feel they can hold

their own with the big boys, they're looking forward to expanding their live show beyond their traditional stacks of amps, a couple of lights and two square feet of stage.

'I sure hope we get more elaborate," Pilson says. "We've been an opening act for so long. But when we finally do something, I have a feeling we're going to do it differently. I mean. we're not going to go out there and fuck penguins or anything. I don't see us doing any of the cliche things.

Grownup entertainment?

"Nah. A lot of guys are getting awfully experienced and professional out there. But it's important not to lose out on the fun. I mean, face it, rock and roll is one of the few things you can do when you're grown up and still be a kid." □



George Lynch: "With this album and tour we're finally establishing something."



British Bashers Prove They're Still One Step Ahead Of The Competition.

by Winston Cummings

If any band has come to represent the sound, style and power of heavy metal in the last decade, Judas Priest is it. With their leather 'n studs look and awesome musical attack, vocalist Rob Halford, guitarists K.K. Downing and Glenn Tipton, bassist Ian Hill and drummer Dave Holland stand alongside the likes of Zeppelin and Purple in metal's most hallowed halls. But unlike those illustrious compatriots, Priest feel their best days are still ahead of them. They insist their knowledge and skill will carry them to frontiers no other metal band has ever imagined.

Well, it's put up or shut up time for Priest. Their recent LPs have failed to reach the commercial heights of such distinguished efforts as Screaming For Vengeance and **Defenders Of The Faith**, and some industry pundits have begun to question if Priest isn't getting a bit too long in the tooth to compete with younger, hungrier headbangers. Recently we discussed this, as well as Priest's upcoming plans, with Halford.

Hit Parader: Rob. does the band feel any pressure with this album? After all, you have to regain some of the commercial momentum you

Rob Halford: (Laughing) I don't really mean to laugh at that question, but it does strike me as being quite amusing. What commercial momentum have we lost? If people are looking at our last release - the Priest Live set - and comparing its sales to some of our earlier studio albums, I think they'll get a very distorted picture of Priest. As we've said many times before, that album was done as a souvenir to all the fans who saw the last tour and to all the people who've stuck with us over the last decade. We never expected it to sell millions of copies - though it did very well for a two-record live set. Our previous two albums. Defenders and Turbo. have sold a combined total of well over two million copies in the United States alone there's certainly nothing wrong with that.

HP: But wouldn't you agree that some of Priest's musical edge has been lost to young power metal bands?

RH: Sorry, but I really can't agree with that either. Priest pioneered what they call thrash or power metal back when we did British Steel many years ago. But we've never been a band to stick with a particular style. We've gone in a more commercial direction on some albums, and we've gone in a more progressive direction on others. That attitude is what keeps Priest one step ahead of the competition. I'm actually quite pleased to see so many young metal bands on the scene. It shows what a healthy state metal is in during the late '80s, and we take a great deal of pride in that.

HP: You mention the variety of styles Priest has used over the years. Where does the new album take you stylistically?

RH: It takes us back to a classic full-throttle metal sound. I think we have some of our all-time classic Judas Priest metal anthems on this LP. What we've managed to do this time is maintain some of the technological improvements we've brought in on our last few albums while reverting to a more straightforward approach. The results are very exciting to us, and we feel certain that they'll be just as exciting to our fans.

HP: How did the band react to people's criticism that you over-used guitar synthesizers on Turbo? RH: We can understand some of it. People have grown used to a certain musical sound from Priest — at least in terms of the guitars being up front. We admit that on some of the tracks, like Turbo Lover, the guitar almost sounded muted because of the synthesizers. But we feel that guitar synths added another weapon to the Priest musical arsenal, and we'll utilize them whenever we feel the need.

HP: What continues to motivate Priest to play so hard and go on the road for so long after nearly a dozen years of success?

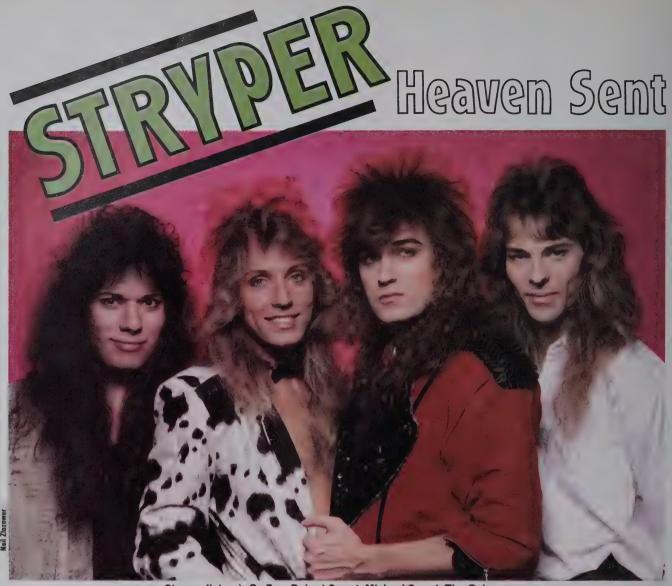
RH: We certainly haven't been that successful throughout our career. In fact, the first half of our time in Priest was something of a struggle. You've got to remember that the late '70s were not exactly the best time for heavy metal, and at times it seemed as if we were waging the battle to keep the form alive almost on our own. Our success has really only come over the last six years, since about the time of British Steel, so we certainly haven't grown complacent about our success. We still get just as much of a thrill as ever when we can sell out an arena like Madison Square Garden. We continue to be motivated by events like that, as well as by the fact that we're still very excited about heavy metal and about Judas Priest. We've been able to replace some of the blind exuberance of youth with a bit of experience and skill. We think it's more than a fair tradeoff.

HP: It's been said that Priest take what they do almost too seriously. How do you feel about

RH: It's our livelihood, and we have families to support and mouths to feed, so why shouldn't we take it seriously? Actually, I think we have a great deal of fun with the music, and our spirit is picked up by the fans. We have covered some somber themes in our songs because metal tends to be more powerful that way. But tunes like Livin' After Midnight certainly have an upbeat feeling to them.

HP: What about the stories that Priest will discard a particular song if it's viewed as too melodic or too tuneful. Is there any truth to that? RH: It is true that if a song sounds too poporiented, we will tend to forget about it. In my mind, there's no doubt that Priest could have sold more records over the years if we had decided to write more commercial material. But that's not what Priest is all about. We've had occasional hits like Heads Are Gonna Roll, but most of the time those have been something of an accident. There's nothing wrong with a nice, tuneful melody, but a pop band should record it. Those kind of songs just aren't right for Judas Priest.





Stryper (I. to r.): Oz Fox, Robert Sweet, Michael Sweet, Tim Gaines.

by Andy Secher

It's taken Stryper only three years to become one of the most potent commercial forces on the rock scene. Unlike many of their metal compatriots, however, these four West Coast rockers have had to overcome more than just the conventional difficulties along their path to the top. As part of metal's premier Christian band, Stryper's Michael Sweet (vocals/quitar), Robert Sweet (drums), Oz Fox (quitar) and Tim Gaines (bass) have had to hurdle a series of built-in prejudices no other hard rock band has been forced to encounter. But handle those difficulties they have, with an aplomb that has enabled the band to cross religious barriers and appeal to a broader, non-sectarian audience as well. Now, with the release of their latest LP, In God We Trust, Stryper are out to prove that their potent mixture of religion and metal can yield both artistic rewards and huge financial gains, a fact we discussed with Robert Sweet recently.

In God We Trust Proves To Be. Breakthrough Album For Religious Rockers.

Hit Parader: Doesn't having a \$1,000 bill on the cover of In God We Trust tend to overemphasize Stryper's financial goals?

Robert Sweet: If anything, we feel it's just the opposite. We're trying to say that money alone doesn't buy happiness. But we're also saying

that Stryper was founded on as well.

HP: But to some people it might seem un-Christian to be so preoccupied with the monetary side of life.

RS: The only way I can answer the people who

"Where does it say that to be a good Christian you have to be poor?"

that money itself isn't bad. We don't agree with the notion that money is the root of all evil. It's what people do with it if they're foolish. The big message on the \$1,000 bill are the words "In God We Trust", which is on every dollar bill printed in the country. That's the notion this country was built on — and it's the same notion

say that — and there are a lot of them — is that it's none of their business. Where were they when Stryper was struggling for three years trying to get enough money to survive? Where does it say that to be a good Christian you have to be poor? We did three major tours early in our career, and we ended up not seeing a dime —

we were in megadebt. There's nothing particularly Christian about that, believe me.

HP: Are there any particular tangible goals that you want in the near future?

RS: Sure. I've always dreamed of having a beach house, and there's a place called Irvine Cove which is exactly where I want to buy that house. It's on a cliff overlooking the ocean, and it's incredibly beautiful. I'd also love to own a Ferrari, and maybe after this album and tour I'll be able to afford one. Right now, I've got a convertible Corvette, so I'm not exactly suffering, but I still have my dreams.

HP: It seems that in certain ways, your religious message has been downplayed a bit on the new album.

RS: I don't think that's true. We never went out and hit people over the heads with what we were trying to say; it was always very subtle. We've never seriously considered how we were presenting our Christian message — it's just a natural extension of ourselves. The trouble is that people have twisted that message around a great deal over the years. We've become something of a freak show to some magazines. I've read headlines proclaiming "Stryper Heals Heathen Groupies", and I've read guizzes that ask "Stryper's Robert Sweet has sex: a) with groupies backstage b) with groupies at his hotel c) only when he's married. That's just silly. People get the impression that we're weird or fanatics, and nothing could be further from the truth.

HP: But you must admit that religious metal is a bit unusual.

RS: To be honest, I hate the word "religious" and I hate the word "religion". We're not spreading the word of any religion. The people who are doing that - especially some of the evangelists, who everyone knows - are turning more people off to religion than anyone in history. We're trying to turn people on to the wonders of Jesus Christ. We'd love to exchange the word "religion" with the words "joy" and "hope". Those are what Christ is about.

HP: How does this album differ from your last LP, To Hell With The Devil?

RS: I think it's a little heavier musically, but we still have a few ballads along the lines of Honestly. We like playing the heavier stuff, and that's what we concentrated on this time. But we also like a lot of diversity on each album, which has become something of a Stryper trademark. And even though I don't think you can ever set out to write a song that'll get played on the radio - because even our singles don't get too much airplay — we did end up with some great tracks for singles this time.

HP: We're sure you'll turn those singles-oriented tracks into videos.

RS: Yeah, probably. After the success we had with the videos from the last album, I think it's safe to say that we'll do two or three videos from this record as well. We were really surprised by how well our videos were accepted by MTV's viewers last time around. We figured there'd be some strong opposition to what we were doing, but there we were, up there with Bon Jovi and Motley Crue every day. It was great.

HP: Will you be using more in-concert clips for your new videos, like you did for Free and Honestly last time?

RS: It's funny, but we didn't even plan on using live footage for the Honestly clip. But when we gave MTV our video for the song, they said, "Hey, we want it to be more like Free - put some live stuff in there." So after a few days of panicking, we finally shot some more concert footage and gave them what they wanted. This time, though, we'd like to do some concept videos. That would be fun.

HP: One last thing. People have this vision of Stryper as being four very serious guys. To set them straight why don't you tell us the wildest. wackiest thing that's happened to you in the last vear?

RS: I'm always having some wild things happen to me, but one of the wackiest happened onstage during the last date of our tour. Someone in the crew poured a pitcher of water over my head, then someone else poured a box of Fruit Loops cereal into a fan that was blowing on me. Of course, all the Fruit Loops stuck to me. so by the end of the set it looked like I was covered in polka-dots. It was a lot of fun, because if I got hungry, all I had to do was reach up and grab a handful of cereal that was stuck to



Robert Sweet: "Actually I hate the word 'religion.'"

DZZZY Osbourne

A Change Of Pace

Metal Madman Prepares For Lengthy Road Sojourn.

by Rob Andrews

Ozzy Osbourne is in one of those moods; rock's original schizophrenic is battling against self-hate and self-doubt like never before. On the other hand, he's happier about his music and his band (now featuring guitarist Zakk Wylde) than he's been in years. It is this dual personality that has made Ozzy one of the most unpredictable, controversial and popular performers the metal field has ever known. At the same time, this split mentality is driving Osbourne slowly insane figuratively, of course.

"I hate myself, I really do," Ozzy muttered. "I feel like a fat, lazy drunk who really is worthless. I get this way every time I'm not doing something creative. I stop and think about what a lucky man I am, with a good career and a wonderful family, but I still end up disgusted with myself if I'm not in the studio or on tour. Hopefully, now that we're back at work I'll stop feeling this way, but I don't know. The Ozzy Osbourne side of me is fighting to get out, but the John Osbourne side is

holding on for dear life at the moment."

Although for the better part of the last year, the home-loving, child-caring John Osbourne has ruled his life, Osbourne sees his Ozzy persona soon blasting its way to the fore. After all, when one has lived on the edge of rock and roll lunacy for the last twenty years, complete domesticity is a hard

thing to accept.

'I love my wife and my three babies more than anything," Ozzy said, "but after I'm around the house for a month or two, I'm ready to go crazy. I can only cut the lawn so many times and take out so much garbage before I want to get back on the road. I know I was begging my wife [who's also his manager] for a rest at the end of the last tour. I wasn't happy at the end of that tour at all. She gave me that rest, but after a short while I was begging her to find me some sort of tour — anywhere, anytime.

One of the reasons Ozzy was so unhappy at the termination of his last road jaunt was that his band was in disarray. Guitarist Jake E. Lee had developed a "rock star" personality, showing up late for rehearsals and sound checks, and becoming distant and moody during the band's time together. Osbourne realized that something drastic had to be done to alleviate the problem, and soon after the tour's end, Lee was fired. Though the move caught many within the rock community off guard, Ozzy said the decision was not only inevitable, it was long overdue.

"I'm not about to let a selfish person ruin what it took me so long to build up," Osbourne said. "I'm very willing to share the spotlight with anybody in my band, but this is still known as the Ozzy Osbourne band. Jake seemed to forget that. In his mind, he had become the star of the show. On top of that, he was having some family problems that put him even more into a shell than before. He was totally impossible to deal with, and because of that I hated touring last time. I never felt that way before in my life and I swore that I'd never feel that way again.'

To remedy his guitar problem, Ozzy and bandmates Phil Soussan (who also recently left the Osbourne group) and Randy Castillo began auditioning new players in Los Angeles. The trio went through literally hundreds of live auditions and demo tapes, ranging from what the Oz called "talented but somewhat misguided players" to "people with no skill who just wanted to meet me." Finally, however, they stumbled upon Zakk Wylde, a 21-year-old New Jersey native who Ozzy admits blew him away from the first note he played.

"I can tell a lot about a guy right away," Ozzy said.
"Somebody who's gonna be in my band has to carry himself a certain way, and I can see if a guy's of interest just from the way he moves and the way he carries his guitar. In Zakk's case, not only did he look great and move well, but his playing was just incredible! He's unquestionably the most brilliant young guitarist I've heard since Randy Rhoads — and that's saying something special! On top of that, he's a wonderful songwriter who knows my musical history better than I do. He can play almost any Sabbath song on request, which is something I couldn't do if my fucking life depended

"Now we're working in the studio, and Zakk has lived up to all my expectations," Ozzy said. "That's always a big transition for somebody. Even if a musician has been playing for a long time, once you go into a room with a tape machine rolling, an entirely different set of pressures begin. Some people, including some very famous musicians I know, have never been able to handle that pressure. But Zakk is like an old hand at it. He's the type of guitarist who doesn't need to be kicked in the ass — he just motivates himself. Even Randy needed to be yelled at every now and then. So far, Zakk's been his own worst critic."

With any luck, the first Osbourne/Wylde collaborations will be hitting your local record racks early this summer, with a massive world tour to follow. Ozzy already knows that Zakk will work wonderfully onstage because he put the young axeslinger through rigorous training last year when he took his realigned band on a 16-date tour of British prisons. It was Ozzy's belief that the young guitarist would flourish away from the media spotlight, and prison — with an audience of some of Europe's most notorious murderers — seemed like the

perfect place to avoid press scrutiny.
"All the guys in prison really liked Zakk," Ozzy said with a sly smile. "They all wanted him to visit their cells when we finished. I guess they hadn't seen too many nice-looking young boys there in a long while. Actually, we got out of those places as soon as we finished because we wanted to avoid a riot. I actually had to have the Prime Minister's permission to play there, and the last thing I'd want Ms. Thatcher to answer for is a prison riot that I caused. That could throw off the entire balance of power in the free world. I've been accused of many things in my life, but being the start of World War III isn't one I want to live down."



TETAL'S HOT SUM The Busy Time Ahead Hit Parader Takes A Look At The Busiest Tour

Season In History.

by Rob Andrews

Over the years, various songs have told us that when summer's here, the time is right for everything from fighting to dancing in the street. Well, that may all be well and good, but with the summer for 1988 just around the corner, one thing's for sure — this is the summer for rockin' in the street! Never before in metal's long and glorious history has so much activity been scheduled for such a short space of time. It seems as if every act in the universe is planning to be on the road during the next four months, with many groups presenting the most spectacular concert shows of their careers.

The list of superstar bands who'll be hitting the tour trail this summer is indeed impressive. Perhaps the summer's biggest package will be America's first Monsters Of Rock festival, which will feature Van Halen, the Scorpions, Metallica and Dokken, as well as a changing list of support acts, at no less than 30 ballparks around the country. As if that's not enough, other acts on the road this summer will include Ozzy Osbourne, Judas Priest, Poison, Iron Maiden, Megadeth, Stryper, Deep Purple, David Lee Roth, Cinderella, Def Leppard and AC/DC. If that lineup doesn't make any true blue metal monger's mouth water, we don't know what will!

"This is going to be an absolutely incredible summer - the biggest I ever remember," Ozzy Osbourne said.
"I've been going on the road for 20 years, and I can easily recall times when a metal band couldn't go on the road because there wasn't anyone to serve as an opening act. That's certainly changed. Now the headliners sit back and explore a number of options before the tour packages are put together."

Times certainly have changed for those metal bands lucky enough to headline their own arena tour. Although, as Osbourne noted, not too long ago there was a dearth of young metal talent on the scene, today the competition for a plum opening act assignment is fierce. Among the bands who'll be supporting this summer's big tours are White Lion, Guns N' Roses, Ace Frehley, L.A. Guns, Anthrax, Tesla and Lita Ford a damn impressive list of rockers all by itself.

"It can mean the difference between a band's success or failure to get the right tour package," Anthrax' Joey Belladonna said. "When you go out to play 50 or 60 dates with a big act, you have the opportunity to expose 100,000 people or more to your music. You hope that some of the people in the hall have come to see



Deep Purple's Ritchie Blackmore: His band will be celebrating their 20th anniversary with one of the summer's biggest tours.





your band, but you know in your heart that most of 'em are there to see the headliner. It's up to the opening act to put on a great show and blow those fans away. A band like ours isn't gonna get much radio airplay or MTV exposure, but a good tour is worth its

weight in gold."

"It's really tough to pick just the right opening act," David Lee Roth added. "You want a band that your audience is gonna react to in a real positive way, but you also want a group that kicks some ass. I've been real lucky during my career because we've always had great opening acts. On my first solo tour, I had Cinderella and Tesla open, and they did a great job. But I've got to believe that having the chance to open for us helped their careers as well."

One major problem that might affect rock fans this summer is the exorbitant cost of seeing even a few of their favorite rockers as they pass through town. With ticket prices now \$18 at many venues - and talk of \$20 tickets in the air — seeing a live show is becoming more and more expensive. In addition, the prices of tour merchandise ranging from band T-shirts and sweatshirts to posters and tour books - have also skyrocketed. It's not impossible for two people to spend \$100 between a pair of tickets, a couple of T-shirts, gas for the car and a bite to eat at the arena. That's a pretty steep bill, but when bands are quizzed about the escalating price of tickets and concessions, they answer that it's just an economic fact of life especially for the kind of extravaganzas they're putting

"When you take on the responsibility of headlining, all of a sudden you've got to worry about the lights, the stage set, getting all the gear around, the computerized lasers, all the stuff that's become standard touring procedure," Iron Maiden's Bruce Dickinson said. "It's a very expensive proposition for a band to undertake. I'm certainly not saying that it's good - or necessary - for ticket or T-shirt prices to be as high as they are. If it were up to me, I'd love to find a way of cutting all those prices in half. But just to go on the road, you need a crew of almost a hundred people, and they have to be paid. On top of that, the promoters, the licensors and the arena need to get their cut as well. Let's face it, the concert industry is a big business.'

Thankfully, fans don't have to worry about the economic problems a band has to endure on tour. All they have to do is buy a ticket, get to the arena and have their asses rocked! The upcoming months promise to deliver some of the most overwhelming stage shows ever presented to rock fans anywhere. Judas Priest's Rob Halford, for one, knows that with all the competition out there, a great stage show isn't a luxury — it's a necessity.

"Kids today are so much more sophisticated in terms of what they expect from a performance," he said. "The days of just going onstage with your instruments and your amps are long gone. Today, the fans have grown accustomed to great lighting, excellent sound and technological marvels to keep them entertained along with the music. We've been making our shows more and more elaborate over the years, but we never want to run the risk of the music becoming secondary to what's happening onstage technologically. That, I fear, is what some groups have let happen. Everyone is watching film clips or an array of mechanical monsters, and the band becomes merely background noise. That's a danger I want to make sure we avoid."

"We actually cut back our stage production a bit this time," Iron Maiden's Bruce Dickinson commented. "Some of our tours, especially for Powerslave, became a bit overambitious. The stage was quite overwhelming for the fans, and I don't think that was the best atmosphere for the music. But you've got to give the fans in America a big stage show. It's what they expect. If you don't give it to 'em, they'll just stay home and watch you on MTV."

Of course, not all metal bands enjoy the MTV exposure of Maiden or Priest. In fact, one of the summer's major trends will be the emergence of so-called "underground" bands. Not only have power metal champions like Metallica and Megadeth blossomed from virtual obscurity to become some of the biggest draws around, a whole new legion of power rockers — like Savatage, Slayer and Anthrax have made their presence felt on the concert scene.

"I have promoters coming up to me and saying, 'Hey, I didn't think your type of band would sell tickets but the place was packed," Megadeth's Dave Mustaine said. "I think they are just beginning to pick up on the fact that a band like ours has a big following. There are a lot of kids out there who are sick and tired of all the makeup and the ballads -

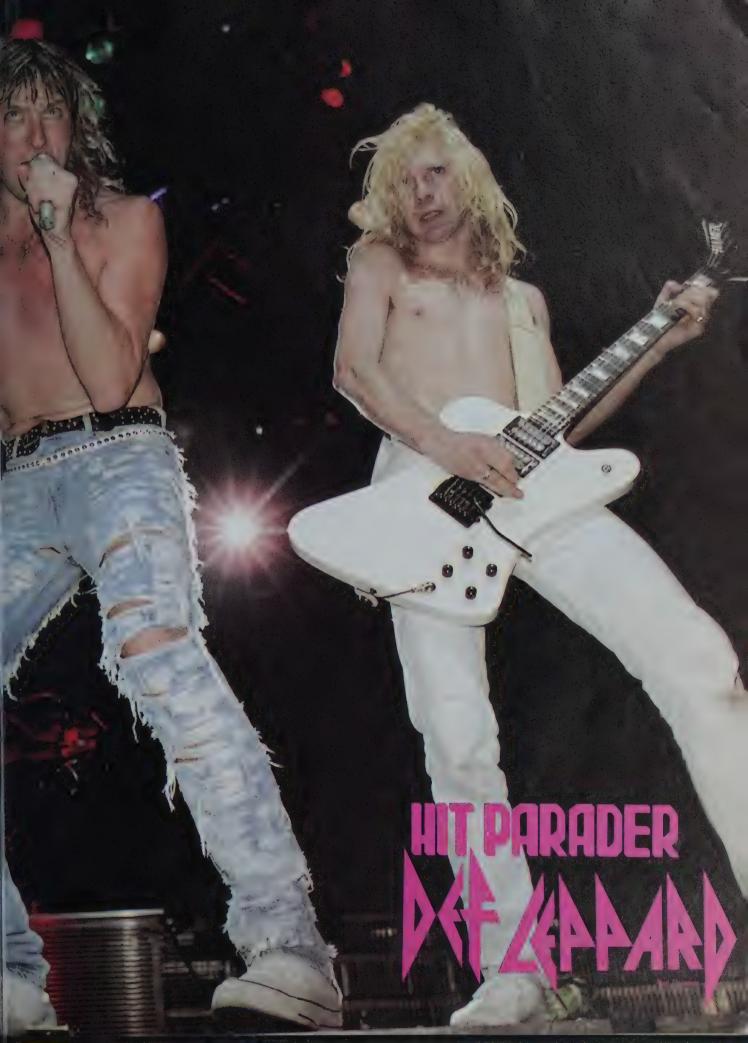
they want to rock with a band with balls."

Whether you're into the sonic thrashings of Mustaine's men or favor the more melodic metal mashings of Dokken and Poison, there's something out there that you'll like this summer. Let's face it, if you can't find a show that'll get your musical rocks off this time, you're really not trying very hard. "We're as excited as anyone about the wonderful things that will be going on this summer," the Scorpions' Klaus Meine exclaimed. "All I know is that all of America should have a giant earache by the time fall rolls around."



Lita Ford: She'll be mixing up opening act assignments with select headlining gigs all around the country.









Mustaine & Ellefson: "We've been through a lot in this band."

We Gain Insight Into Mega Men Through Conversation With Bassist Dave Ellefson.

Ernie "Spuds" McKenzie

If ever a heavy metal band was perceived as strictly a one-man operation, Megadeth is it. After all, doesn't Mega-main-man Dave Mustaine write all the band's material, produce the albums, play lead guitar and sing? Is there room in this rock roost for anyone else to share the band's glory? Well, despite what you may have heard about Mustaine's admittedly bizarre personality — best evidenced by the near-constant changes that seem to be going on within the band — there is one guy who really does seem to be Mustaine's right-hand man — bassist Dave Ellefson. In fact, it was when the two Daves met back in 1984 — shortly after Mustaine parted ways with his original band, Metallica — that the idea for Megadeth sprung

to their collective minds. Now, through thick or thin — and there have been plenty of both during this band's career — these two promise never to let the pressures of the music business pull them apart.

"We've been through a lot of shit in this band," Ellefson said. "When we started Megadeth nobody seemed to want to get behind us. We're not bitter about it, but it's always made us wonder why. Our first record company wasn't particularly supportive of us, and even when we signed with Capitol, some people looked at us as nothing more than some sort of novelty. But we've always believed in this band, and we know that if you really put everything you've got into a project like this, you can make it work — no matter what other people think."

Megadeth have certainly managed to convince those initial doubters within the rock community. Though their first album, **Killing Is My Business... And Business Is Good,** remains a generally neglected masterpiece of the power metal genre, their second LP (and major label debut), **Peace Sells... But Who's Buying?** was recently certified "gold" — meaning it has sold over 500,000 copies. Not bad for a band one critic dismissed as "the worst band on earth" just a few years ago.

Today, however, it looks like the Mega men — now featuring a revised lineup with guitarist Jeff Young and drummer Chuck Behler joining the two Daves — are ready to make a lasting mark on the rock world. Their latest LP, So Far, So Good... So What, represents the group's most mature and dynamic slab of vinyl to date, a rip-roaring presentation that runs the gamut from tackling the issue of drunk driving on the song 502 to covering the old Sex Pistols' classic Anarchy In The U.K. To Ellefson, the album is Megadeth's statement of purpose, a chance for them to prove a bit of success and international acclaim hasn't softened the group's metal principles.

"Why is it that as soon as a band gets on a big label, people immediately assume they'll change their style?" he asked. "This isn't the kind of band that's gonna turn into a bunch of wimps as soon as they get a whiff of some big cash. The thing that pleases us the most is that we proved there are a lot of people out there who really like what we're doing. We never said that Megadeth is for everybody, I don't even think we'd want to be. But it is nice to know that we weren't totally crazy when we thought the kind of stuff we played had an audience. We proved that with our last album, and I think we'll prove it even more this time.'

As if to magnify upon Ellefson's words, Megadeth seems to have gone out of their way to uncover the darkest, most dangerous topics they could find on So Far, So Good... So What. Among those are a vicious attack on censorship in Hook In Mouth, and an exploration into death and loneliness on In My Darkest Hour. Though, it seems unlikely that either cut will end up a favorite on Top 40 radio, Ellefson seems totally unperturbed that the band's music seems destined to attract a cult audience, albeit a large one

"We have to live with ourselves, and if we presented things that didn't have a little depth to them, we couldn't do that,

he said. "The world doesn't need another rock band that's gonna sing about screwing some chick in the back seat of a car. There are plenty of those groups around already. We'd rather tackle songs like 502 or Hook In Mouth, which tackle some important subjects. We're not the kind of band who's ever been scared to voice our opinion on things — whether people wanted to hear it or not.

"The track I think we're most proud of is *In My Darkest Hour,*" Dave added. "It's a real moody piece that's a little different from anything we've tried before. It's about this guy who's on his deathbed, and he finds himself alone in the world. He wonders where all the people who were around him when he was on top have gone. We think it's a very powerful piece of music.

Now that the album has emerged from its year-long gestation period in the studio, the Megadeth men have turned their energies towards the stage. They know that 1988 may be the year when they finally become arena headliners — a band capable of drawing 10,000 Mega maniacs to every show they play. The group has already finished a support tour with Dio, and plans are underway for their own tour to begin within the next few weeks. In fact, if the two Daves have their way, Megadeth's headlining tour may already be underway by the time you read this.

'Sitting around my house waiting to go on the road drives me crazy," Ellefson admitted. "It's the toughest thing I have to do. I love working, and I never get tired of doing things in connection with Megadeth, so going on the road and staying out there for as long as possible is obviously a top priority for us. We've heard people say that things could really break big for us on this tour, and we hope they're right. But we can't afford to worry about shit like that. All we've got to do is put everything we've got into every show we play and just hope for the best. What makes this band special is our belief that with hard work you can accomplish anything."



Megadeth (I. to r.): Ellefson: Jeff Young, Mustaine, Chuck Behler.

Guns M' Roses

An Inside Report

West Coast Crazies Stake Claim To Fame With First Album And Tour.

by Adrianne Stone

A crowd gathers by the stage door of a venerable theater, clamoring in anticipation of their idols' departure. Girls clad in various stages of dress, some wearing simply a leather bra and skirt as their outfit, pout seductively in rehearsal for their greetings. Guys in denim, leather and combat boots sulk defiantly, vying for the girls' attention while casually peeking at the backstage exit in expectation. The door finally swings open and out stumble the five objects of their fascination as they are whisked to a waiting tour bus. The frantic shouts and quick rush to get closer to the musicians create a cacaphony of ear piercing screams and a chaotic frenzy.

Who could this be? Aerosmith? Whitesnake? The Rolling Stones? Have Zeppelin reformed? No, inquisitive readers, the adoring mob cast their affections on the new Sultans of Sleaze, our favorite bad boy boppers, those L.A. hooligans, Guns N' Roses.

A year ago, when *Hit Parader* first let these lads grace its cover, many of you asked, "Guns and What???" Now, with their debut album, **Appetite For Destruction**, still speeding up the charts, and national tours with the likes of Motley Crue under their belts, it seems that everyone now knows who they are.

Singer Axl Rose and his band of musical pirates, guitarists Izzy Stradlin and Slash, bassist Duff McKagan and drummer Steven Adler have almost single-handedly redefined sleaze rock in the late '80s. No longer must fans depend merely upon the dazzle of ultra-glossy rock extravaganzas to capture their attention. Instead, it is G N' R's music, a marriage of brash blues and raunchy rock, which has served to revitalize the rock scene. With their infusion of riff-laden tunes and memorable rhythms shaking up rock arenas coast to coast, fans have responded enthusiastically. From the first moment they are assaulted by the music, they know they're hearing something special, something heart-felt and real. Instantly, it seems, they're hooked.

However, their notoriety over the past year has often preceded their musical talents. In fact, naming their debut album Appetite For Destruction was truly an accurate description

for the rowdy bunch. While touring in Texas with the Cult in late '87, Slash lived up to his name and tore apart his hotel room. "I wrecked my room last night," he boasted at the time, as he yanked off his shoes to reveal a footful of coagulated blood. "There was \$1500 worth of damage 'cause I tore up the mattresses and broke the lamps and furniture. That's why I'm the only member of the band that's broke. I'm always paying for the damage I've done."

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His behavior, however, was contagious. A few months later, Adler, infuriated upon learning that their tour with Alice Cooper might be cancelled due to the death of Cooper's father, slammed his fist into a lamppost. The result was a broken hand and a hectic search for a replacement.

Fortunately, Cinderella drummer Fred Coury was off tour and happy to take over the sticks chores for the brief duration of the tour. "Going out with those guys was like a breath of fresh air," said Fred of his assistance on the tour. "They're really crazy. I really needed a bit of a break from what Cinderella was doing and you can't get more of a break than Guns N' Roses. Anytime they need me, I'm there to help them."

Other musicians had good words to say about them as well. Motley Crue's Nikki Sixx not only enjoyed watching them from the side of the stage every night when the two groups toured together, he also became close buddies with Slash."We wrestle around in our hotel rooms just for fun," said Nikki.

Sixx and Slash also share a fondness for some of the same things — like Jack Daniels. But as far as the rock and roll lifestyle is concerned, Guns N' Roses makes Motley Crue look

positively tame. "I've cut down a lot," admitted Axl in reference to the abuse of certain questionable substances. "I can't drink as much as I want to, 'cause I mess up my voice." Ironically, he was smoking a cigarette as he made his point.

Their devil-may-care image isn't contrived, however. When we first interviewed the members of Guns N' Roses back in 1986, Axl was afraid to leave his apartment because the police were looking for him. "This lady accused me of attacking her," he said that day. "She's the one that attacked me! Then the cops say I raped her. That's defamation of character!"

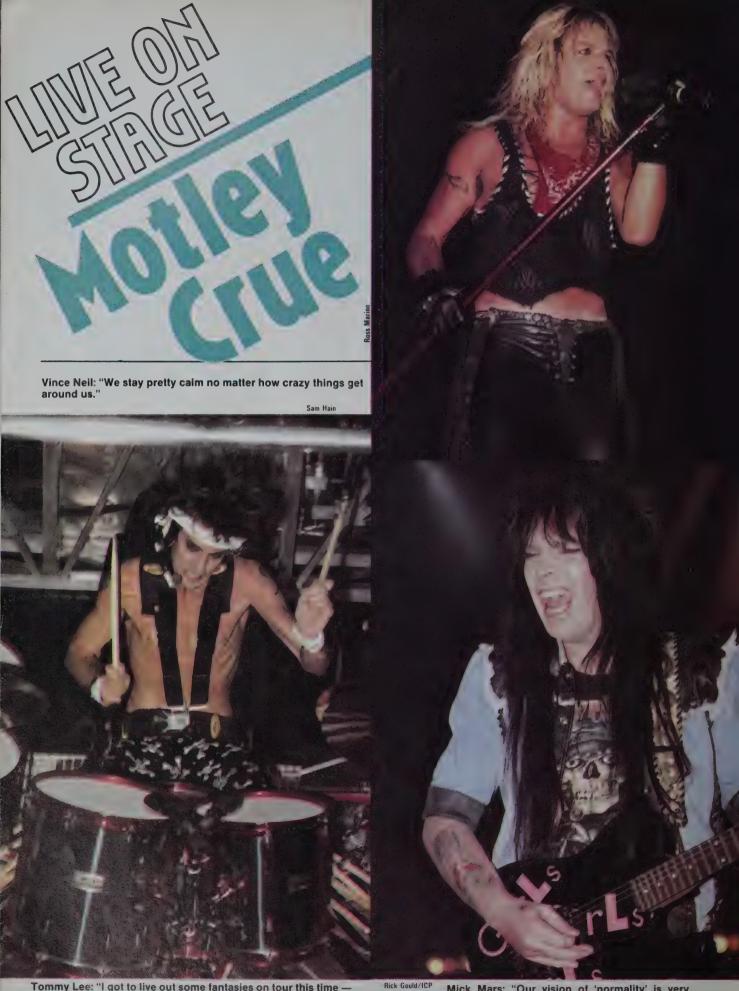
Izzy pointed out, "We've been accused of everything from rape to murder, but there's a fine line between being accused and being proven guilty." Even Slash commented on his nasty illicit escapades. "Every single night, me and my girlfriend used to go into a store and steal candy. We'd take handfuls of them and we'd eat them in the store. I didn't feel guilty cause back then I was starving."

Fortunately, he's not starving anymore. With Appetite For Destruction heading quickly towards platinum certification (1,000,000 copies sold), G N' R have been able to at least find themselves clean living quarters. It's a long way from the one-room rehearsal hall/apartment with a leaky roof and no water that they used to share in Hollywood.

And even though they're probably giving their publicist gray hairs, the bottom line is that they offer no apologies for their boisterous behavior. Their biggest beef is defending themselves not against questions of their outlandish behavior, but against charges concerning the supposed non-originality of their material. "You know what really gets me angry?" griped Slash. "I don't understand why people are always saying that we're Aerosmith rip-offs. None of us are blatantly imitating Aerosmith. We love Aerosmith, so maybe our sound is similar, but that's where the comparisons end."

Let's hope the comparisons don't end there. Aerosmith, despite their drug-ridden, chaotic past have gone on to incredible musical and financial success. If their unintentional imitation breeds them these same rewards, Guns N' Roses will be shaking up the music world for a long, long time. \square





Tommy Lee: "I got to live out some fantasies on tour this time — some on stage and some off."

Mick Mars: "Our vision of 'normality' is very different from everyone else's."





West Coast Legends Continue Their Streak Of Million-Selling LPs.

by Rick Evans

Edward Van Halen's home in the Los Angeles hills is everything one might imagine a rock star's abode to be. There's the long path stretching up a steep, winding road to a mammoth split-level house. There's the driveway filled with Lamborghinis, Ferraris and Porsches. There's the crystal blue swimming pool, the separate building that houses Ed's prized "5150" recording studio, and, to top everything off, there's his beautiful actresswife, Valerie Bertinelli, looking as if she'd just stepped off the set of her latest flick.

But true to the rock and roll tradition, all is not exactly as it seems. First off, there's a cat taking a leak in the swimming pool. The renowned studio resembles nothing more than a pig pen with empty soda bottles, candy wrappers and potato chip packages piled knee-deep in the studio's living room. Even the beauteous Valerie is a bit frazzled, since she can't seem to find her credit cards anywhere and has to borrow one from her hubby.

Oh well, even the lives of rock gods are filled with petty annoyances every now and then.

"We're real normal people around here," Edward said as he tossed a pile of papers from a broken barber's chair and took a seat. "Just because you have a bit of success doesn't mean that you don't live life just like everyone else. Hey, in this part of L.A. our lifestyle is pretty sedate. There are people around here who really have wild homes. But we're real comfortable with this. I love it, especially because of the studio."

Ah, the studio, the hallowed spot where virtually all of the music created by Edward, his drumming brother Alex, bassist Michael Anthony and vocalist Sammy Hagar has evolved over the last few years. Its name, 5150, comes from the California police code for someone who's criminally insane. The studio moniker — which is woven into a tapestry adorning a wall — was also given to the first album this realigned quartet produced after David Lee Roth's much-ballyhooed departure in 1985. To a great extent the studio is a living, breathing entity — the fifth member of Van Halen.

"This place is really cool," Anthony said, chugging a Calvin

Cooler as he waited for the band's rehearsal to begin. "It's got a vibe that you can really feel. We've worked in other places over the years, but when we get here, it's really home. I think a big part of our sound comes from the fact that this studio really

makes us feel great."

That "great feeling" is again evident on the band's latest LP, a disc which picks up where **5150** left off and carries the VH boys to totally new musical horizons. Though many within the rock community had wondered if the band had shot their artistic load on their previous album, their latest disc proves that **5150** was merely the tip of Van Halen's musical iceberg. With Hagar now a solid, contributing member of the band, and Edward's alwaysinventive guitar work leading the way, Van Halen has once again shown they remain one step ahead of the pack.

"Hey, don't let anybody fool ya," the effervescent Hagar said. "We had a lot to prove with this record — both to the fans and to ourselves. We had to find out if the special magic we had goin' last time was there because the guys were just so happy to be free of Roth or because they were happy to have me in the group. To be honest, I always kinda figured the truth was somewhere in the middle of the two. But when we started working on the tracks for this record, I found out I was wrong. This band really does have a special chemistry when we're all together. It wasn't hurt by the year we spent together on the road, and it wasn't hurt by our time apart when the tour ended. When we climbed out of our cars again and went into the studio, that special feeling was still there."

"Sammy's right," Alex Van Halen added. "In this band we've gone through a lot of different situations in the studio — we've been happy while we've made records, we've been mad and we've been unhappy. But that's all in the past. Since Sammy's come aboard, things have been great. He's made this all fun for us again. I've said it before and I'll say it again — we've made enough money over the years so that we don't have to do this if we don't want to. If it wasn't fun, we wouldn't be doing it. A few years back, it's no secret that it wasn't fun for us anymore. But that's old news. In some ways this is like the second record we've ever made. Sammy's made this a new band and I love him for it."

Before Alex totally dismisses VH's accomplishments prior to the arrival of Savior Sammy, a quick review of the Van Halen story may be in order. Let's not forget that they are the only band in the history of Warner Bros. Records to have each and every one of their seven albums certified platinum. Since the release of the group's self-titled debut disc in 1978, they've created an incredible album and stage legacy that, in many ways, opened the West Coast rock floodgates for the eventual emergence of everyone from Motley Crue to Guns N' Roses. And, arguably, without the creative genius of Edward Van Halen, rock guitarists would still be figuratively and literally back in the stone age.

"I don't really sit around thinking about the impact the band or my playing has had," Edward said. "I'd much rather be making music than worrying about how what I've done has affected

people. I think that would really be kind of stupid."

Of course, let's not forget that in addition to Edward's instrumental virtuosity, the comic brilliance of original frontman David Lee Roth was instrumental in the rise of Van Halen. Roth's shoot-from-the-hip lyrics and toastmaster stage persona balanced Edward's cerebral brilliance and transformed Van Halen into a media sensation. When that notorious parting of the ways occurred between Roth and the remainder of the band nearly three years ago, many pundits predicted the Van Halen rock machine would come to a grinding halt. Clearly they were wrong.

"Dave is really a non-issue at this point in our career," Alex Van Halen stated. "When we did interviews after **5150** came out our split with him was the primary focus of every conversation. But we let our actions speak loudest for us. I admit there were some silly things said on both sides back then, but he's on with his career and we're on with ours. All I know is that we're incredibly happy the way things have gone for us, both on a personal and a musical level over the last few years. I don't think we'll be seeing as many of those 'Dave Who?' banners on tour this time. The four guys who are in the band now are Van Halen. The past is just that: it's history."

The band will soon find out if there's a new array of fan-made posters questioning Dave's whereabouts in their future, for the VH gang are laying plans for a massive world tour that will bounce them all across the face of the earth over the next year. Of course, a major percentage of their touring time will be spent right here in the good of U.S.A. where, in addition to headlining an estimated 200 shows during 1988, they will also headline at 30 massive, outdoor Monsters Of Rock festivals planned for this summer. Needless to say, the guys find their tour options most exciting.

"Hey, it's time to rock!" Hagar shouted when the question of tour plans was raised. "I never had as much fun on the road as I had with these guys last time, and I can't wait to get going again. A lot of people asked me, 'Hey Sammy, you've played all those arenas as a solo performer, why do you want to do it as just a member of a band?' And I told them, 'Hey, I'm not just a member of a band; I'm a member of the best fuckin' rock and roll band in the world!' If that's not enough to make you happy, then there's

something seriously wrong with you."



Edward Van Halen: "We're real normal people around here."



Ken Settle

Brian Johnson: "The problem we have is how to play the old favorites yet play some new things as well."

Angus And The Boys Show Their Spirit On Blow Up Your Video.

by Andy Secher

The harsh white lights beam down illuminating the bare stage. There are no fancy props, nor are there any outlandish costumes in sight. The only thing the lights pick up is the image of diminutive

sweat, banging out a series of awsome riffs on his battered red Gibson SG guitar. Angus' mop of brown hair falls limply in front of his face until a spasmodic neck jerk sends it flying in a high arc into the guitarist Angus Young, drenched in | air. His legs, covered by a pair of

crimson shorts, move like pistons in a car engine, pumping up and down, up and down, as Angus moves in short bursts of energy in time with the music he is creating.

It's been estimated that Angus travels over five miles each night, dancing, prancing and strutting across the stage during each AC/ DC performance. His weight, which at peak times comes in at a mere 135 lbs, often drops to 125 after a particularly draining performance. No doubt about it, playing guitar for the Thunder From Down Under ain't the easiest job in the world - but Angus isn't known as "The Hardest Working Man In Show Business" for nothing.

"There are nights when I get back to the dressing room and I really can't move," Young explained. "The only thing that revives me is a few chocolate bars. Once I get the sugar back into my system, I tend to be okay. But there are other times I come offstage and I want to go right back out there and play for another two hours. I don't know what it is - why some nights are harder than others. All I know is that if I don't feel like I'm about to drop dead, then I haven't really had a good time that night."

Angus will have plenty of opportunities to "drop dead" in the upcoming months as AC/DC begin a massive world tour to support

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their latest LP, Blow Up Your Video. At the moment, it looks like the band will be on tour for no less than nine months, during which they will tour Australia, Europe, Canada and the United States. After that, there's the possibility of a Japanese tour. To say the least, Angus, his guitar-playing brother Malcolm, vocalist Brian Johnson, drummer Simon Wright and bassist Cliff Williams are going to be very busy lads in 1988.

"I think one thing we learned from the last tour is not to play six concerts in a week," Angus said. "That's when you can really get burnt out. At this stage in our career, we'd rather play only four or five shows a week and stay on the road for a few months longer if necessary. We have no problem with the notion of staying out there for a year, but I don't want to have to drag myself from city to city; I want to enjoy it. I think everyone else in the band feels the same way."

"The big problem we have is how to present the new songs yet keep in all the old favorites that a lot of fans are paying to hear," Johnson added in his husky brogue. "The best solution would be to play for three hours every night, but poor Angus would probably end up in the hospital after two weeks of that. He's the one who's really got the hard job every night. The rest of us can just do our part, then stand back and watch him."

It's hard to believe that Angus and his band of merry men have been plying their craft for the better part of a dozen years. To some, it seems like only yesterday that word started filtering out of Australia about this bizarre band featuring a tiny guitarist who wore a schoolboy suit and played some of the heaviest quitar ever heard. After that, it wasn't long before AC/DC made themselves a name via such hard-hitting, action-packed LPs as Powerage, High Voltage and You Want Blood You Got It. But it took the tragic death of original vocalist Bon Scott in 1979 to catapult AC/ DC from the ranks of contenders to the metal champions of the world.

"There was something about Bon's death that made people more interested in AC/DC," Angus said. "Rock and roll is strange that way. Sometimes someone is appreciated more after he's gone than he is while he's alive. Bon was such a special person that we're glad he has gotten the recognition he's deserved. It's just too bad he didn't live long enough to see it."

Ironically, the band's first post-Scott LP, **Back In Black** (whose title paid homage to Scott's death) emerged as one of the most successful metal albums of all time, selling over five million copies. With Brian Johnson's gruff vocals leading the way, AC/DC suddenly blossomed as metal's most popular act. Though that success caught the band somewhat by surprise (and they've not yet matched the commercial success of that breakthrough disc), they've managed to keep their momentum going through such superlative efforts as For Those About To Rock We Salute You, Fly On The Wall and Who Made Who.

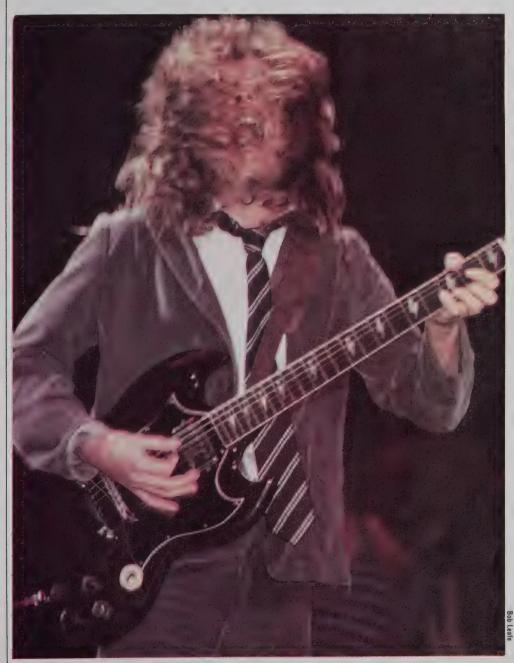
Though to some fans, the band's golden age has now passed, those who really understand this special

group know that no band has veered less from their chosen path over the years than AC/DC. With Blow Up Your Video, in fact, the band has returned to their original production team of Harry Vanda and George Young, the pair that helped define AC/DC's sound on such wall-shaking cuts as Problem Child and Whole Lotta Rosie. The return "home" has been a very special trip for the band.

"Since George is my brother, it is very exciting to work with him again," Angus explained. "I think Harry and George always had the best understanding of what AC/DC was all about, since they were there at the start. That's not to say that the other producers we've

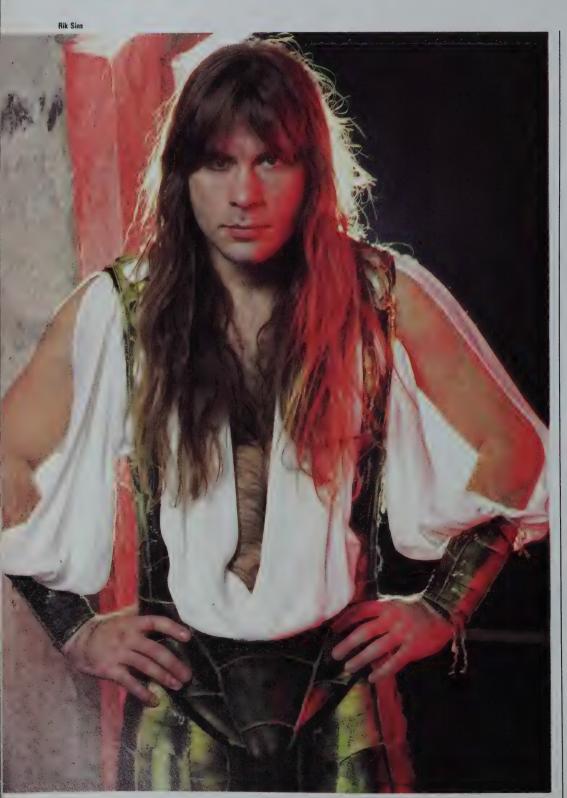
worked with over the years didn't understand us — certainly someone like Mutt Lange (who produced Back In Black) did, but there's something special about working with Harry and George. They know how to bring out the best in us, and that's what they did on this record."

"Those two also know how to make recording an album a lot of fun," Johnson added. "Sometimes recording can be an incredibly difficult process that leaves you very downhearted. But George and Harry know when to push and when to lay back. They know we're a very motivated band. Let's face it, nobody works harder than Angus. Pushing him to try harder than he does is a physical impossibility."



Angus Young: "There are nights I go back to the dressing room too tired to move."

Getting Mad...Getting Even



Are we picking on Bruce? Nah, well.. maybe just a litle.

by Winston Cummings

Vocalist Bruce Dickinson Gets A Chance To Speak His Mind.

Wanna make Iron Maiden's Bruce Dickinson mad? C'mon, we dare you! Getting Bruce's goat has been something we've specialized in here at **Hit Parader** over the years - though, of course, we never really set out to ruffle his feathers. For example, on one of the first stories we ran on Maiden after Dickinson's entrance into the band in 1981, we said "the group stepped out of their limousines and were beset by a bevy of fans." Now, you might be thinking, "Hey, what's wrong with that? Sounds pretty good to me." Well, of Bruce didn't see it that way, and as soon as he read the article, he was on the transatlantic phone lines giving us a piece of his mind. "What do you mean saying we stepped out of a limousine?" Bruce demanded. "We don't use limousines. Why do you want to give people the wrong impression about us?"

Another time, we questioned the advisability of Maiden's decision to play seven nights at New York's Radio City Music Hall, when two nights at the Big Apple's famous Madison Square Garden would have allowed more fans to see the band and made Maiden more money in the process. Well, Bruce wasn't particularly tickled by our logic. In fact, the next time he saw us, he pointedly said, "We played Radio City for art's sake, not for money. Of course you wouldn't understand that at all."

Of course, us filthy, capitalistic American rock dogs wouldn't understand the supreme spiritual motivation that has lifted these British Bashers to the pinnacle of the metal world during their decade-long career. After all, we're just a rock rag that can make or

break a band's career with a mere scribble from our poisoned pens. But needless to say, the Maiden men are far too big these days to worry about a mere magazine taking potshots at them - and, in all honesty, we have absolutely no reason to offer anything but the highest praise for Maiden's musical activities. Yet young Mr. Dickinson still doesn't seem ready to bury the hatchet - unless it's between our

"We certainly appreciate the support Hit Parader has given us over the years," Bruce said, "but it does seem that you sometimes take great pleasure in twisting our words around to meet your needs. I think we're interesting enough not to have bizarre tales constructed for us just to sell a few more manazines '

Okay Bruce, now that you finally have that off your chest, we can turn to some really important stuff like Maiden's new album Seventh Son Of A Seventh Son. We promise we'll print everything you say, just the way you say it. If you like what you read, then pat yourself on the back. But if you don't like it, you know whose butt to kick - and it ain't ours!

"The new album is very good," Bruce stated with total candor. "It is the next step forward for Maiden in a number of ways."

Thank you, Bruce, for that insightful critique of Maiden's latest vinyl venture! You certainly have whetted the appetites of millions of fans across the globe with your arresting comments. But as the old saying goes, action does speak louder than words, and the action on Maiden's new album is nonstop! Blending the group's always-intense musical attack with a new flair for technology, the band has created what may well be considered their magnum opus the greatest LP of their illustrious career.

'Each album is a bit of a surprise to us," Bruce explained. "We get into the studio with a good idea of what we'll emerge with, but I think if you played a finished Maiden album for any of us before we began working on it, we'd be as pleasantly surprised as anyone about the kind of music it contains.'

The release of Maiden's latest disc comes at a critical juncture in the band's career. With a new generation of metal thumpers having emerged over the last few years, Maiden's role as the world's premier metal machine has once again been threatened. Of course, not only do the band members themselves fail to see these young

bashers as challengers, Dickinson, for one, finds them somewhat amusing

'Sometimes I go to a show and see some of the younger bands and I often find myself amazed by them especially the thrash bands." Bruce said. "I remember sitting in a club with Steve (Harris) a while back and hearing one of those bands play a particularly unsavory number, and I turned to Steve and said. 'Did we start this?' All he could do was shake his head and laugh. I'm certainly not saying that there aren't some very good young bands out there, but I don't think Iron Maiden has to be too concerned about competition at this point in our career. We just do what we do, and let the pieces fall where they may."

Where one of those "pieces" has fallen recently is on the heads of conservative action groups who have renewed their efforts to prevent these European "invaders" from visiting American shores in the upcoming months. While no one at the notorious PMRC will come right out and say it, certain of those "Washington Wives" have put pressure on their high-placed husbands to tighten up the immigration privileges of any rock group they view as a "menace" to the American way of life. In typical fashion, Dickinson finds these efforts rather laughable.

What do those people really want to do?" he asked. "Are they trying to single-handedly save your country? And what are they saving it from? What happened to the proud American concept of free speech? I find it all extremely amusing and more than a bit amazing.

But rest assured, you Maidenheads out there, your favorite metal machine will be revving up their engines on this side of the Atlantic soon, no matter how their detractors try to stop them. In fact, the band's upcoming U.S. tour promises to be one of their most extravagant to date - and if you've seen any of their recent road treks, you know that's saying something! At the moment, the group is planning a stage set that will play off the mystical themes presented on the Seventh Son LP. and as far as Dickinson is concerned, anything and everything is possible.

'We enter into a stage show with the idea of creating a magical world that's fun for the audience to see and equally enjoyable for us to perform on," he said. "I'm sure this show will be no exception."



Steve Harris: He's Maiden's founder and remains the group's guiding force.



BON JOVI

The Heat Is On!

by Pete Rockwell

Yes dudes and dudettes, it's time for the monthly Bon Jovi report. Now, if you're sick and tired of reading about the derringdo's-and-don't's of Jon and the boys, then just turn the page. But if you want to see one of the most revealing interviews we've ever run on rock's leading mop-top, just read on. In this installment of the Bon Jovi Chronicles, we find Jon held captive by the vile prince Ork, whose beautiful daughter, Crysis, Jon has been trying to woo for lo these many months. Hey, wait a minute! What the hell are we talking about? Actually, we just wanted to see if you were still paying attention. So without further ado, let's cut through this crap and get right to our recent conversation with Jon.

Hit Parader: Jon, by now you've had the chance to sit back and think about what you've accomplished over the last couple of years. How do you view your success at this point?

Jon Bon Jovi: I really haven't paid that much attention to it. Obviously, we're all real happy about what happened with the last album and tour, but that doesn't mean that we've changed as people. I mean, I still like eating at McDonald's and drinking Slurpees. We still walk around in sweat pants and jeans, so it's not like we've let any of this stuff go to our heads. We realize there's a lot more for us to do musically. There are things we want to do and places we want to go, so it's not time for us to sit back and think about what we've accomplished.

HP: Have you had the chance to analyze why Slippery When Wet became such a phenomenon?

JBJ: That's kinda hard to figure. It's not like all of a sudden we made a big change in style on our third album. The music was pretty much the same stuff we had put on the first two records. I think it probably had a lot to do with people finally realizing who we were, and the musical atmosphere in the country being right for us. When we first came out, I don't know if people realized Bon Jovi was a band. For all they knew, we could have been a brand of jeans. Then, with the second album, we found out that radio wasn't into playing rock and roll. They were into stuff like Tears For Fears, which, I guess, is about as far away from us as you could get. By the time Slippery When

Wet came out, radio was back to playing more rock - and that was because the kids out there were demanding it. That's why all our success goes directly to them. They were the ones who called up their local radio stations or MTV demanding that they play Bon Jovi.

HP: Does it bother you when people call you an "overnight sensation," since you've actually been in bands for a long time?

JBJ: It took three years from the time we signed our first record contract until things really started to break. Believe me, that's a long time when you're living through it. But I was in bands for a lot of years before we ever got signed. So it has been a long, hard struggle. You've got to realize that when you're out there trying to make a name for yourself, trying to break an album, it's an incredibly hard life. You're working, travelling, doing interviews, attending in-store record signings 24 hours a day. It's tough because you've got to be away from home, away from your family. You have to turn your entire life over to your career. I mean, there are certainly a lot of fun things going on while you're on the road, but it can be really exhausting.

HP: What keeps you going when you're feeling totally run down?

JBJ: Probably two things more than anything else: the guys in the band and the music. We're real lucky in the group, because we really are like brothers. I think we have more spirit and harmony in this band than in any group I've ever seen. I've seen other groups where the guys really don't get along; there's a lot of jealousy and they really just don't like each other, yet they stick together for that hour onstage each night. In this band, it's just the opposite. We know who we are when we go onstage and we know who we'll be when we get on the plane to the next show. We're friends, and that's the thing that pushes us to keep going. We really want to play our music for the kids. We love the music, we love the kids and we love each other — that's a pretty strong combi-

HP: A few months back, you got in a bit of trouble when you put down L.A. and the whole West Coast rock scene...

JBJ: Hey, wait a minute! I may have said some things about L.A., but I never put down the whole scene. think the only thing I said was that bands from a place like Jersey have an attitude that some groups in California don't. That's not a put-down; it's the truth. We're not part of that makeup and fashion scene. We go onstage in some strange looking outfits, but that's okay with us. I just think the whole West Coast "Hollywood" ideal is a little hard for a guy from Jersey to understand.

HP: So at this point where do you stand on the new album?

JBJ: We've been writing, and writing hard. The stuff's just been coming out of us, and some of it's real good. I don't think we'll have any trouble making the next album every bit as good as the last one. I'm not saying it'll sell as well, because that's impossible to predict. But I feel confident that the music will be just as strong.

HP: We've heard some talk about the record being a two-record set. JBJ: It's too early to say, but I doubt it.

HP: After how hard you worked in 1987, how do you feel about repeating that process all over again in 1988 and 1989?

JBJ: Hey, we live to play music and go out and play for the kids. We had a few months off after the last tour ended, and I really felt a bit lost at times. I really wanted to get back onstage. That's why I popped up at a few special gigs, like when Aerosmith invited me to join them for a song at the Meadowlands in Jersey. I think all of us in the band really miss it. We miss not being together all the time. If it ever comes to a point when we don't look forward to making a new record and going back on the road, that's the day we'll have to do some serious thinking about what we're gonna do with the rest of our lives.

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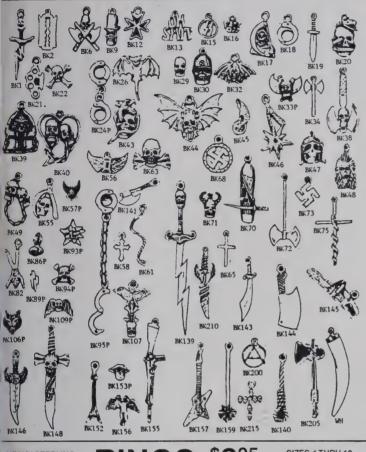
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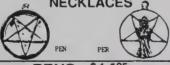






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by Charley Crespo

Mike Levine

On his own time, Triumph's Mike Levine listens to Aerosmith and Whitesnake. When he was in New York recently, promoting Triumph's Surveillance LP, we presented him with a pile of recently released 45s and asked him to play rock critic for us.

Cherokee Europe

Reminds me of the Paul Revere & The Raiders' hit Indian Reservation. It's okay, but who wants to hear a song about Cherokee people?

Throwing Stones Grateful Dead

I saw the Grateful Dead at the Watkins Glen Summer Jam in 1973. I still have the poster, I liked them then, but I don't like them now.

Where Are You Tonight **Tom Johnston**

Is this the guy from the Doobie Brothers? Nice tune; not great, but nice. I happen to like Tom Johnston. I wish he'd put out an album.

I Need A Man Eurythmics

She sounds a little like Joe Elliott of Def Leppard. She still needs a man.

Say You Will Foreigner

There's no bass player on this record: it's some kind of left-hand keyboard. It's okay. Lou Gramm has the best voice in rock and roll since Steve Perry of Journey lost his. Well, Mickey Thomas of Starship still has his.

I've Got My Mind Set On You **George Harrison**

I hate this song — I love George Harrison, but I hate this song. I can't figure out why it's a hit. God bless George, but he could do better.

Hot Hot Hot Buster Poindexter

I saw the New York Dolls open for Rush at the Victory Theater in Toronto before Triumph even started. I would bet you all the money I own that this isn't David Johansen, but obviously it is. It sure sounds different.



Triumph's Mike Levine: "I hate this song, but I love George Harrison."

Reason To Live Kiss

Sounds like Foreigner; this must be Ron Nevison's contribution. Sounds like Waiting For A Girl Like You, Feels Like The First Time and I Want To Know What Love Is. It's sort of like Whitesnake did "the best of Led Zeppelin" on Still Of The Night, so Kiss is doing "the best of Lou Gramm" on this song. We all cop something sometimes; might as well cop from something

Don't Shed A Tear Paul Carrack

I'm sure there's something better on the album. I've heard other stuff from his records that were really good.

Animal Def Leppard

Good. Great chorus, great production. Besides, I like Def Leppard.

Need You Tonight Inxs

Reminds me of being in a discothegue. It's a good disco tune if you're into it. Nice clean production.

In God's Country U2

Irritating. It'll probably be a huge hit. It gives me a headache. There's something about Bono's voice that's like chalk on a blackboard. This is probably the most overrated band in the world. I don't understand why they're so popular. Not only do I not want to buy their records, I want to change the station when they come on the radio.

Mony Mony Billy Idol

This is a great live performance of an old bar tune. It's great to know a live record can also be a No. 1 record. After all the rumors about Billy being sick and dead, it's good he's alive and well. In Toronto they call him Bill Idol because he snubbed the only rock radio station there. It was their 10th anniversary, and Jimmy Page and everybody was calling. Billy was in town, but he refused to come on or call, so they're trying to ruin him. Good luck!

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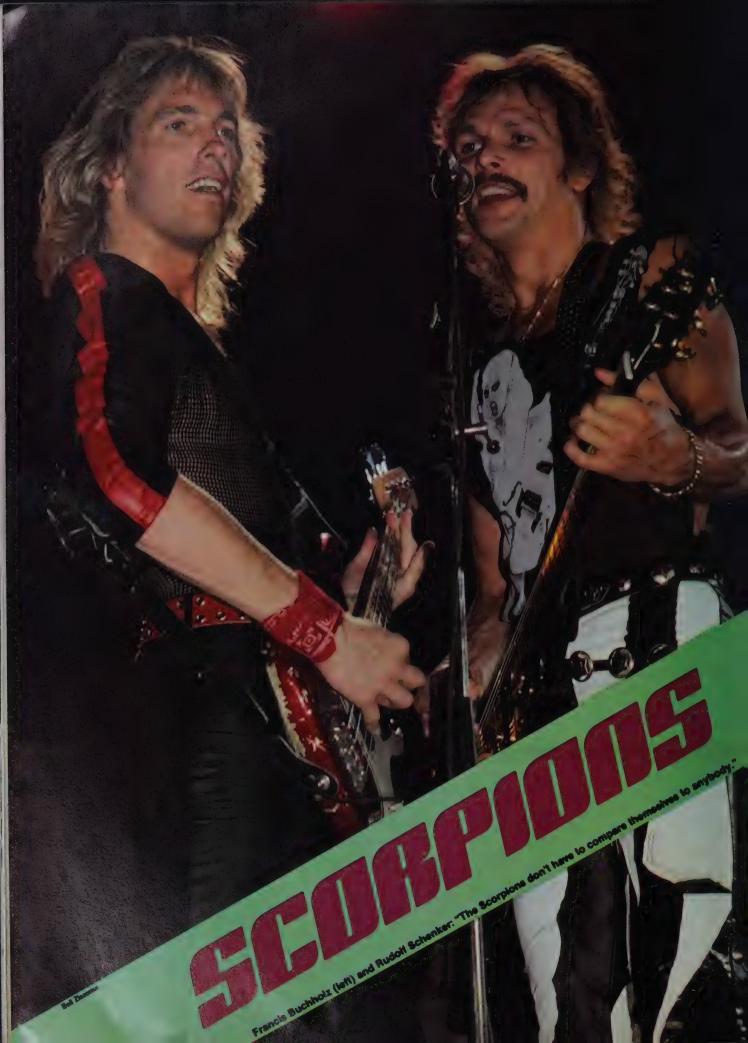
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Teutonic Terrors Roar Back Into Action With First LP In Three Years.

by Ernie "Spuds" McKenzie

To say the least, the Scorpions are an unusual band. Despite not having the seemingly required "pinup" member or extolling their sexual virtues in every interview they give, this German quintet has managed to stay at the apex of the metal world for over a decade. While there are certainly flashier, sexier and more flamboyant bands around, these Teutonic Terrors have proven that musical talent is — much to the surprise of many — the key ingredient needed for success in the wild and wacky metal world. Recently we hooked up with guitarist Rudolf Schenker to discuss what motivates this band to overcome their apparent "liabilities" and produce albums of superior quality, such as their latest, Savage Amusement.

Hit Parader: Rudolf, do you ever wonder how big the Scorpions might be if you were as outrageous as, say, Motley Crue?

Rudolf Schenker: I can honestly say that thought has never crossed by mind. I certainly have nothing against Motley Crue, or any other band. But the Scorpions don't have to compare themselves to anybody. Just because we have maintained a low profile over the last few years, some people incorrectly think we need something to spark our career. Nothing is further from the truth. In fact, we are very content with our image and our music. It seems, recently, that bands have begun thinking that looking wild and acting wild is more important than writing good songs. I'm sorry, but we will never think that way.

HP: But do you feel the Scorpions are competing for the same audience as those young, wild bands?

RS: In some ways we are, but we have sold millions of copies of our last few albums, and I like to think that just as many people have bought them for a ballad like Still Loving You as for a hard rocker like Rock You Like A Hurricane. That is the strength of the Scorpions — we don't have to be outrageous or write about just sex to sell records.

HP: But isn't it true that a few years back the band was labelled as sexist for titling an album Virgin Killers and a song Another Piece Of Meat?

RS: We are not saying that sex isn't an important part of rock and roll

— we are not above that. But people always did make too much out of our lyrics, album titles and covers. I think in some ways we were the first hard rock band to get so much attention for our supposedly sexy lyrics. But we haven't changed even though we received some strange comments about Rock You Like A Hurricane, where the lyric goes, "feed her inches". But as I said, we are not sexist, we are sexy.

HP: What about on the new album? Does your "sexy" stance come through on your latest material?

RS: On some songs it does. Something like Rhythm Of Love, which is one of my favorite new songs, can be looked at as a very sexy song. Every Night, Every Day is another one that is very sensual in its message. But, again, we are not singing about back seat love affairs. We think the Scorpions have a very romantic view about sex.

HP: How does the new album differ from some of your earlier successes?

RS: We have never been a band that's satisfied to be as good as we've been before, so this time we've worked hard at being better than on any of our previous albums. Obviously, each time we go into the studio, that process becomes more and more difficult because we have a more imposing task at hand. When you have to make a better record than Love At First Sting, you know you have your work cut out for you. But I feel very confident in

saying that we've done it. It took us a long time and we had to work very hard, but in the end, we managed to come up with the best group of songs and the best sounding album of our lives.

HP: But should it take any rock band nearly a year in the studio to produce one album?

RS: What was our hurry? One of the benefits of success is that you don't have to work under the same pressure you did when you were a struggling young band. Today, the Scorpions have reached a position where we only have to please ourselves. We can afford to experiment as much as we want and to work on making each song as good as it can be. We spent a great deal of time exploring a number of ways to proceed on each song. After all this time, we still find making music to be part inspiration and part trial-and-error.

HP: How has modern technology changed the way the Scorpions approach recording an album?

RS: Actually, I think we may have been the first hard rock band in the

world to record digitally, so that is certainly nothing new for us. But some of the other new technologies we've decided to forget about. I know quite a few bands have been using guitar synthesizers over the last few years, and I admit that I experimented with them. But, to me, the key to the Scorpions' sound has always been the pure power of rock guitar. We didn't want to fool with that at all.

HP: During the long period you spent polishing the album's songs weren't you at all concerned that younger bands might have moved in and stolen your audience?

RS: Not at all. There are many good young bands out there, but none of them are the Scorpions. I don't want to sound too egotistical, but the fact is that we have something very special to offer the fans, and whether it takes one year or three for a new album, I feel confident they will wait for us. There has been a love affair going on between the Scorpions and their fans for many years, and a great love affair is only made more intense by the passing of time.

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Paradox **Product Of Imagination**

There's something immediately distinctive about a German heavy metal band. Perhaps it's the no-nonsense approach most of them use to present their balls-to-the-wall sound. Paradox, a hard-rocking quintet from Kurnach, West Germany, are certainly no exception to this rule. On their debut LP, **Product Of Imagination**, vocalist/guitarist Charly Steinhauer, guitarist Markus Spyth, bassist Roland Stahl and drummer Axel Blaha dish up a hearty collection of tunes that explore such hallowed metal topics as the occult and death. Song titles like Pray To The Gods Of Wrath and Death, Screaming And Pain give you a pretty good indication of where these guys are coming from. Rating: **

Whiplash **Ticket To Mayhem**

Whiplash has developed a reputation as one of the loudest, lewdest and crudest bands on the power metal scene - and that's saving something! All of the group's best qualities and their worst - are apparent on their LP Ticket To Mayhem, a full-throttle celebration of the sonic overkill that is metal at its rawest. On tracks like Perpetual Warfare and Drowning In Torment, vocalist/quitarist Tony Potaro, bassist Tony Bono and drummer Joe Cangelosi rock with a power that borders on the insane. This isn't music for the faint of heart or hard of hearing - but it is power metal at its most intense.

Rating: ***

Blessed Death **Destined For Extinction**

Blessed Death's new album, Destined For Extinction, may well represent a zenith of sorts for black metal. Rarely in the history of Western Civilization has so much power been unleashed at one time, in one place for so long. This is a mind-blower of an album, a disc so intense that it should have a warning sticker on it saying, "Anyone with operative brain cells, be careful" A single run-through of tracks like Pain Killer, Incoming Wounded and Alien Impregnation may well leave the listener the one destined for extinction.

Rating: ****

Mama's Boys **Growing Up The Hard Way**

Not too long ago, the McManus brothers

John, Keith and Tommy, better known as Mama's Boys - were considered one of the hottest properties to come out of Europe in years. Unfortunately, though the trio have made some fine music over the years, Mama's Boys have never lived up to their commercial potential. That will probably hold true for their latest LP, Growing Up The Hard Way, as well. On this disc, the boys have added vocalist Keith Murrell and turned to a more pop/metal direction. But, except for the tracks Hot Blood

and Blacklisted, the results fall short of the catchiness of Bon Jovi or the spirit of Def Leppard — the groups the McManus' are obviously trying to emulate. Rating: **

Diamond

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This five-man band from New York City has released a debut LP filled with tunes that neatly mix metal principles with radio-oriented material. The results, especially on the group's single, Mirror, Mirror, show a band with obvious talent but who need a bit more work to get rid of the rough edges. Still, if you like commercial metal played with passion and conviction then give Diamond a chance. Rating: **



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ALONE IN SUICIDE

As recorded by Bloodgood

DAVID ZAFFIRO

Who cares who weeps All is lost and the sickle reaps Blank eyes look deep Love and hope crumble to the feet

I don't care if I've made my mark

On this angry world that's left me in the dark

Just cut a message on my stone I want to be alone (I wanna die).

Feel the knots twisting inside As I look to the bullets to be my guide

In a razor's edge should I confide

To open my veins and bleed them dry

Oh the endless pressure how can I cope

I try to release but the valves are broke

A psychotic grasp upon my throat

I wanna hang the rope.

Death you feel is your friend As it calls from the black

unknown

Voices hounding at your mind Echo to the bone Alone in suicide.

I used to honor my day of birth Cherish life and place it first But now I view it as a curse Dig my grave and rent the hearse

Yes every morning I take a walk That leads me trapped in an emptu box

A liar's face and the voice that mocks

I want to stop the clock.

Death you feel is your friend As it calls from the black unknown Voices hounding at your mind Echo to the bone Alone in suicide.

Salvation calls (To the lonely) On the abused (Redemption falls) God gave His all (That you might know him) He stretched out His arms And died for you.

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HEAVEN KNOWS

As recorded by Robert Plant

DAVE BARRATT PHIL JOHNSTONE

A brand new human being razor sharp All firm tan all clean all pure With a thirty second attention

As the clock strikes twelve And we're ready for party games

You'll play blind man's bluff And I'll play out charades.

Heaven knows What kind of fool am I Heaven knows Why you take an eye for an eye Heaven knows What comes over me You were pumping iron As I was pumping irony.

Now I find myself occupied And half alive

With your head heart arms and leas Wrapped around my family pride See the whites of their eyes Then shoot with all the

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Heaven knows What kind of fool am I Heaven knows Why you take an eye for an eye Heaven knows What comes over me You were pumping iron As I was pumping irony.

Nothing will show As we're shedding our clothes Then I suppose anything goes Anuthing goes Then I suppose that anything goes. (Repeat chorus)

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PRISONER

As recorded by Dokken

GEORGE LYNCH **JEFF PILSON** MICK BROWN

It wasn't just your innocence No it wasn't temptation It was just your own way Of placing the blame on me Stop thinking that it's all in vain

You keep trading your love for

Someday an answer will come 'Cause there ain't no way to escape.

Baby I'm a prisoner Oh chained by love It's so easy to see I could never be free I'm a prisoner chained by love, chained by love.

The answer for your loneliness Was only frustration So you gave it all away By placing the blame on me Remember how it used to be Your lies won't die that easily Something's wrong but why can't you see There ain't no way to escape.

Baby I'm a prisoner Oh chained by love It's so easy to see I could never be free I'm a prisoner chained by love, chained by love It's so easy to see I could never be free I'm a prisoner chained by love Hold my heart in misery 'Cause I'm a prisoner.

Did my time so let me be Let me go You owe it to me.

Someday an answer will come your way Something's wrong why can't you see That there ain't no way to escape, escape.

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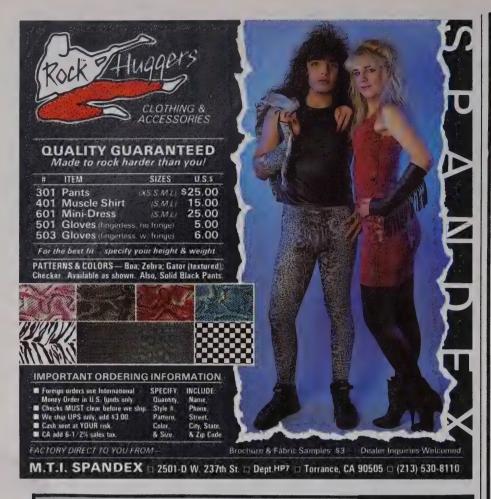
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As recorded by Bloodgood

MICHAEL BLOODGOOD LES CARLSEN

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He sits and stokes the coals while you're asleep He wants to burn your souls with his fire

Never letting up or giving relief.

Broken bodies wrapped in bloody blankets But the victory was paid for at a price

Words of peace are met with screaming bullets Now you're looking through a

soldier's eyes.

A greater life abounding in the Prince of Peace He sits in intercession for your

prayers He wants to see your soul in prosperity

He's the only one who ever really cares.

Battle worn His flesh is torn and bleeding Eternal life comes through the souls God's feeding Words of peace are met with screaming bullets Now you're looking through a soldier's eyes.

Mighty words He spoke to us in Spirit For He's come to give us life.

Share the Bread And Living Water Eat the Flesh Drink the blood of Christ.

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As recorded by Fifth Angel

TED PILOT ED ARCHER JAMES BYRD

Call to me she speaks with evil eyes

Drawn away with whispers of her spell

All escape but leave their souls behind

She has you trapped inside her private hell.

Hear her whisper in the morning light She's calling you away.

Cry out the fools
That she takes in the heat of
passion fire
Cry out the fools
In the night there's no escaping

her desire.

Lie with me desire is all it takes
A demon knows your weakness
feeds your fright
Bound in chains your spirit she
will break
She'll set you free but never
leave your mind.

Hear her whisper in the morning light She's calling you away.

Cry out the fools
That she takes in the heat of
passion fire
Cry out the fools
In the night there's no escaping
her desire.

Hear her whisper in the morning light She's calling you away It's just her vengeance in the night.

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POUR SOME SUGAR ON ME

As recorded by Def Leppard

STEVE CLARK PHIL COLLEN JOE ELLIOTT MUTT LANGE RICK SAVAGE

Step inside walk this way You and me babe hey, hey.

Love is like a bomb
Baby c'mon get it on
Livin' like a lover with a radar
phone
Lookin' like a tramp
Like a video vamp
Demolition woman can I be your

Razzle 'n' dazzle 'n'
Flash a little light
Television lover baby go all
night
Sometime any time
Sugar me sweet
Little miss innocent
Sugar me yeah, yeah.

C'mon take a bottle
Shake it up
Break the bubble
Break it up
Pour some sugar on me
Ooh in the name of love
Pour some sugar on me
Come on fire me up
Pour your sugar on me

I can't get enough I'm hot sticky sweet From my head to my feet yeah.

Listen
Red light yellow light green light
go
Crazy little woman in a one man
show
Mirror queen mannequin
rhythm of love
Sweet dream saccharin loosen
up
Loosen up.

You gotta please a little squeeze
a little
Tease a little more
Easy operator come a-knocking
on my door
Sometime any time
Sugar me sweet
Little miss innocent
Sugar me yeah, yeah.

Take a bottle shake it up
Break the bubble
Break it up
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And we don't care for writing

The sound you hear is what we

And I'll steal your Pop Tarts like I stole your socks

Yo man what's the matter with you

I'll get it next time

Charlie beat the beat the beats you beat

The only thing harder is the smell of my feet

So listen up close you might get

Go drain the lizard or take a chair.

Watch the beat I'm on your case I'm in your face I'll kick you and your father back in place Step off sucker understand Don't you know that I'm the man I'm the man I'm so bad I should be in detention I'm the

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Well they say rap and metal can never mix

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(Yo man it's)

Danny farted the fart the farts he farted

I pick my nose but I'm not retarded

So like El Duce says smell my anal vapor

And wipe my butt with your face toilet paper yo watch the beat.

(Repeat chorus)

So as this rap is winding down It's plain to see we wear the

You know Anthrax is number

But we don't care we just wanna have a festival (Fun you stupid idiot)

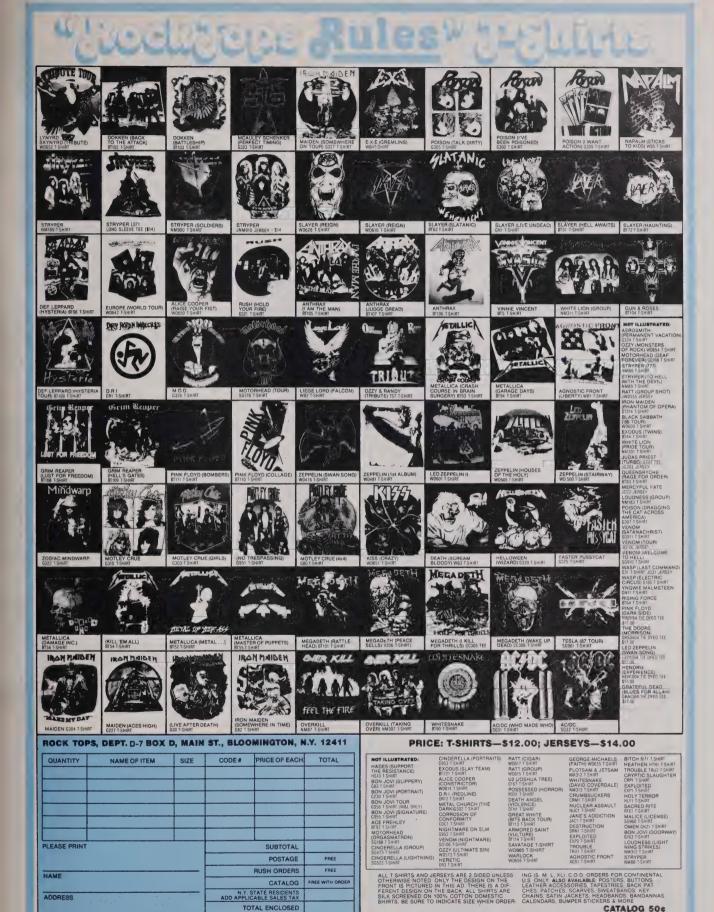
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I want your love Let's break the wall between us Don't make it tough I'll put away my pride Enough's enough I've suffered and I've seen the light.

Baby you're my angel Come and save me tonight You're my angel Come and make it alright.

Don't know what I'm gonna do About this feeling inside Yes it's true Loneliness took me for a ride yeah.

Without your love I'm nothing but a beggar girl Without your love A dog without a bone What can I do I'm sleepin' in this bed alone. (Repeat chorus)

You're the reason I live You're the reason I die You're the reason I give When I break down and cry Don't need no reason why Baby, baby, baby,

You're my angel Come and save me tonight You're my angel Come and make it alright You're my angel Come and save me tonight You're my angel Come and make it alright.

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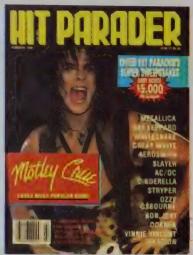
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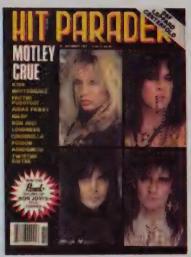
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We are the voice of the cult And we will do all to survive We are crusaders tonight We are the voice of the cult.

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Raise your hand and follow the call Sacrifice for the flock The music grows louder the closer we are We'll never be stopped. (Repeat chorus)

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As recorded by Lizzy Borden

GENE ALLEN

I think I know you When I look into your eyes But when I hold you I feel you're as cold as ice You stare a hole in me That chills me to the bone Fatal attraction Into the unknown.

In the eyes of a stranger There lies a mystery In the eyes of a stranger Are you what you appear to be.

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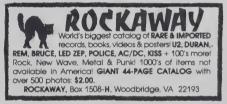
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I went to a party last Saturday

And I told you that story I'd be alright uh huh It ain't no big thing.

But I know what I like I know I like dancin' with you And I know what you like I know you like dancin' with me yeah, yeah.

Kiss me once Kiss me twice C'mon pretty baby Kiss me deadly.

Had a few beers gettin' high Sittin' watchin' the time go by uh huh It ain't no big thing Nothin' to eat and no TV Lookin' in the mirror don't get it for me uh huh It ain't no big thing.

But I know what I like I know I like dancin' with you And I know what you like I know you like dancin' with me oh yeah.

Kiss me once Kiss me twice C'mon pretty baby Kiss me deadly. (Repeat)

You know I like dancin' with Dancin' with you c'mon. (Repeat chorus)

Kiss me once Kiss me twice C'mon pretty baby kiss me C'mon pretty baby kiss me C'mon pretty baby kiss me deadly.

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As recorded by Tesla

JEFF KEITH FRANK HANNON

Falling rain Outside my window But all in all I know It's gettin' better everyday.

Soon the sun will shine through mu window When it's gonna come Ya know I really couldn't say But I know It's gettin' better everyday.

Oh it's gettin' better now Everyday Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

I'm a hard working man Doin' all that I can Tryin' to make ends meet Just a-making my way Through this jungle today It's gettin' the best of me.

But I know it's gettin' better And a change is gonna come my Yes I know it's gettin' getter Better everyday.

Been a change in the scene If you know what I mean Good things are comin' my way Now I'm livin' my life And I'm doin' it right Sun shinin' everyday.

I can feel it gettin' better And a change is gonna come my wau Yes I feel it gettin' better Better everyday.

Now it's all been gettin' better And a change has finally come my way Yes it's always so much better Gettin' better everyday Uh huh yeah, yeah, yeah Gettin' better Oh everyday I feel it, I feel it.

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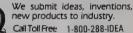
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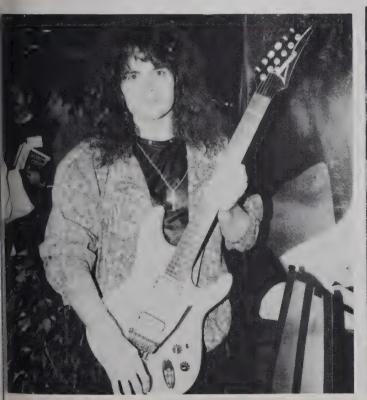
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Here's Richie Sambora holding up his prized double-neck Ovation guitar.

The 1988 NAMM (National Association for Music Merchants) Show was held recently in Anaheim, CA — and a star-studded event it was. Among the musicians present to lend a helping hand to the product manufacturers who supply them with the tools of their trade were: Bon Jovi's Richie Sambora, Whitesnake's Vivian Campbell, Metallica's Jason Newsted, Motley Crue's Tommy Lee, and Stryper's Robert Sweet. Here's a look at some of your favorite headbangers strutting their stuff at NAMM.



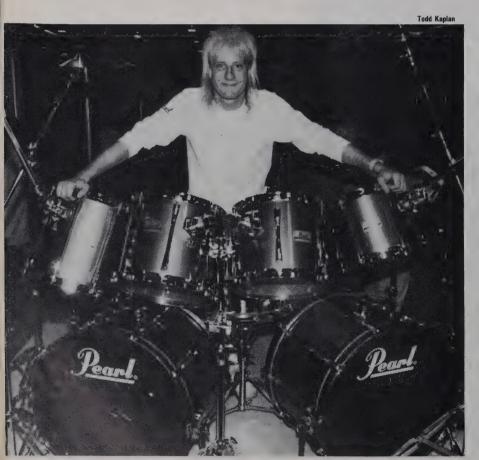
Guitar hero Vinnie Moore endorses and uses Ibanez Guitars.



Vivian Campbell wouldn't think of laying down the snakey riffs of Still Of The Night without his trusty Kramer Guitar.



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Both Greg Bissonette (left) and Tommy Lee play and endorse Pearl Drums.



Journey's Neal Schon was at the show to talk about his own brand of Schon Guitars.



Since his departure from David Lee Roth, Billy Sheehan is a man without a band — but he popped up at NAMM anyway just to hang out.



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STAR TALL Metal's Biggest Stars Reveal Their Secrets.

by Adrianne Stone

Each month, Star Talk brings you personal stories from some of your favorite rock stars. Do you lose sleep at night wondering how Nikki Sixx maintains his muscular physique? Do you daydream about what C.C. DeVille misses most when he's on the road? Do you spend hours pondering what sport Joe Elliott indulges in during his spare time? You might be spending too much time with your headphones blasting at "10"... or you might have a valid reason for asking Star Talk for help.

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This month's question: So many bands, like Motley Crue, have such strange names. How do they come up with their unusual monikers? (Liz Wilson, Phoenix, Arizona)

BLACKIE LAWLESS (W.A.S.P.): "People look for all kinds of meanings in our name. Some people thought that it stood for 'We Are Sexual Perverts' and others thought of the obvious — 'White Anglo Saxon Protestants'. Actually, it could mean anything. It could be a bug. And everyone knows that a wasp has got a stinger."

BRIAN VOLLMER (Helix): "Some people assume that we took our name from the shape of

the genetic cell. Actually, we never sat down and put heavy thought into it. When we were starting out, we were scheduled to play a gig and we didn't have a name. One of the guys was still in high school and he had his textbooks with him, so he picked it up and slapped it open. So we ended up with Helix. I think it was a choice between that and the 'Windhurst Lighting Machine!'

NIKKI SIXX (Motley Crue): "Actually, it was Mick Mars' idea. Way before we got together, he was hanging out with another band and somebody walked in and said, 'What a motley crew!' He thought, 'That's a cool name. If I'm ever in another band, I'm gonna call 'em Motley Crew'. When we got together, we fucked around

Ross Halfin

Motley Crue's Nikki Sixx: "The name of our band was actually Mick Mars' idea."

with the spelling and added the umlauts (dotted accents) just to make it look even cooler."

VINNIE VINCENT "After I left Kiss, I made a demo tape and gave it to the guy who was my manager at the time. I said, 'What do you think of this?' and he said, 'Holy shit! This stuff just leaps all over you! This isn't music; this is an invasion!' I thought, 'Wow! That's it! That's the name!' It just happened like that."

LITA FORD: "We were considering calling the band something else. What was it? Oh, I remember, 'The Giant Glam Band'. Or we were gonna call it — this is kinda like the Spiders From Mars [David Bowie's '70s band] — 'The Rude Dudes from Uranus.' I'm glad we stuck with 'Lita Ford.'"

AXL ROSE (Guns N' Roses): "I used to be in a band called Hollywood Rose and there was also L.A. Guns, which is still around. I sang with the original L.A. Guns with the only member who's still in that band, Tracii Guns. But on the side, I was playing with Izzy [Stradlin, of Guns N' Roses] so I called that band 'Gunss N' Roses'. Then Tracii went his way and I stayed with Izzy and kept the name."

SCOTT IAN (Anthrax): "Actually, Anthrax means 'cattle disease'. When we first started out, we had T-shirts made up with the skull of a dead cow on them. When we said, 'Spread the Disease' a few years later, it had nothing to do with AIDS."

ZODIAC MINDWARP (Zodiac Mindwarp And The Love Reaction): "The name came from a soft porn adult comic book. I saw the name in a collector's guidebook and I thought, 'That's a good name. I'm gonna steal it.' The 'Love Reaction' part comes from a Bruce Springsteen song (Dancing In The Dark), when he sings, 'I need a love reaction'. That's where I got it from."

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